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Philippine marines prepare for a mission on Jolo, a remote island in the Philippines, on Nov. 14. The nation is battling insurgents suspected of using al-Qaida-like tactics.

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Stars and Stripes

## Terror lessons spread

U.S. aids Philippines in battle against IEDs, al-Qaida-style warfare

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

JOLO, Philippines — The attack was unusually deadly, and it came in a nightmarish form familiar to U.S. servicemembers fighting thousands of miles away in Iraq and Afghanistan — a homemade roadside bomb.

It was Sept. 29 on this remote Philippine island when an improvised explosive device laid by a terrorist group linked to al-Qaida sheared an American Humvee in half. The blast killed Staff Sgt. Jack M. Martin III and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher D. Shaw as well as a Philippine marine passenger.

The two U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers were helping the marine move food to a neighboring camp, part of an ongoing yet largely hidden effort to counter Islamic terrorism by winning the hearts and minds of impoverished Filipinos.

Seven years into the mission here, about 500 U.S. military advisers remain embedded deep in the jungles of the southern Philippines, assisting the nation's military as it takes the lead against a violent Islamic insurgency.

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## TACTICS IN TRAINING Troops hone artillery skills to cut Afghan civilian deaths

BY KRISTIN M. HALL  
*The Associated Press*

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Deep in the woods on the state line separating Kentucky and Tennessee, soldiers who call in powerful weapons like mortars are learning how to get close enough beforehand to identify targets better, a crucial element of the military's new mandate to reduce Afghan civilian deaths.

The directive to curb civilian casualties, being pushed down the ranks from colonel to private, is what has three soldiers from the Army's 101st Airborne Division lying on their bellies atop a berm on a forested Fort Campbell artillery range. A pair of OH-58 Kiowa helicopters circle around to the right to scout the enemy's position, which in this training is an empty bunker surrounded by razor wire.

Mortars start whistling over the tree line and down toward an open field behind the bunker where a couple of old Army tanks painted bright yellow help artillery men precisely place the shots. The soldiers on the berm watch the rounds kick up clouds of dirt and rock, and a fraction of a second later, the sounds of the explosions echo back.

For several weeks, the 1st Brigade Combat Team has been focusing on advanced artillery training that incorporates hours of planning and carefully assessing targets and firepower as part of the new rules.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I'll put up with screaming kids and dirty diapers over IEDs any day."**

— Spc. Burch Swigert, after emerging unscathed from an IED explosion in Afghanistan on Tuesday. Troops said the explosive was poorly constructed.

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TONY SISTI/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

## Training: Civilians the new 'center of gravity' for troops

### TRAINING, FROM PAGE 1

"All planning is based on where you can shoot and where you can't shoot," said Lt. Col. Randy Harris, deputy commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"Of course the enemy has a vote on that as well," he noted.

The Taliban and the insurgent fighters in Afghanistan "hug the population because they understand the side effects," said Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent of 1st Battalion, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, the brigade's reconnaissance group. "They know by doing that they put the civilian population at risk."

Many of Fort Campbell's units are staging large-scale exercises with the Air Force through the rest of this year to prepare better for airstrikes. Mortars and bombs are capable of razing large areas and inflicting serious injury, so soldiers learn to observe both the enemy and the battlefield carefully before pulling the trigger.

New platoon leader 1st Lt. Jonathan Fuller, 23, spends most of the morning inside a tent near the artillery range studying photos and maps of the terrain. He leads his



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

**Soldiers fire mortars during training at Fort Campbell, Ky., in September. Training for Afghanistan focuses on protecting civilians.**

platoon on a dry run of the battle, without using ammunition, then runs it with live fire and a third time after nightfall using night-vision goggles. Each time he and his commanders extensively review what went wrong and what went right.

"It's nice to run through here,

when you have the chance to say, 'Hey stop, let's go fix this; let's go back and do it again,'" said Vincent, one of Fuller's commanders. "This is the place to do it, not when you're in some foreign country."

The training teaches platoon leaders how to move soldiers

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# 'It is their fight'

## Lessons: U.S. aid, expertise not enough to eliminate violence

### LESSONS, FROM PAGE 1

So far, U.S. expertise and money have helped the Philippine government win pockets of stability and support. But the assistance has not been sufficient to stamp out persistent violence, and the ultimate goal of peace and stability remains elusive.

A recent string of IED attacks indicates that insurgents in this outpost of the global war on terrorism are learning new bomb tactics, Philippine and U.S. officials told Stars and Stripes — tactics that were perfected and used with deadly effect against the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Such violence shows that progress can be slow going, said Col. William Coultrup, commander of Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines, which was deployed to the area in 2002.

But Coultrup said his command is not asking to break from its purely advisory role and take ownership of the combat here.

"It is their fight, and we don't want to own this fight," he said.

The al-Qaida-linked terror group Abu Sayyaf and other Islamic insurgents are blamed for

more than 100 bomb attacks in the southern Philippines this year that killed 37 civilians and 10 Philippine soldiers and wounded nearly 300 people, according to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Military officials say the IEDs range from crude, fertilizer-based bombs detonated with a switch made from wood to more advanced devices triggered by cell phones.

"We have seen the influence of some of these techniques that have come from abroad, and we believe they are being brought in by some of the foreign extremists who are trying to influence the situation in Mindanao," Coultrup said.

In Jolo, an Abu Sayyaf stronghold, the IEDs are targeting people, cell towers, water systems and drainage culverts, said Lt. Col. Robert Velasco, commander of Battalion Landing Team 6, one of six Philippine marine battalions deployed to the island.

The technology probably came from Afghanistan," he said.

Terror stalks Jolo's sweltering jungles and scattered villages in the form of IEDs, kidnappings and beheadings. The island's rugged terrain has been good to insurgent fighters, who have been melting into the thick foliage and pockets of open-air huts built atop stilts for nearly two decades.

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Coultrup



PHOTOS BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN/Stars and Stripes

**Top:** Villagers file into a Philippine marine camp to welcome a new commander on the Abu Sayyaf stronghold of Sulu. **Above:** Philippine marines keep guard at the unveiling of a community improvement project on the volatile island of Sulu earlier this month.

## Philippine military unable to keep terror groups at bay, leader says

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
*Stars and Stripes*

MANILA, Philippines — Eliminating al-Qaida-linked terror groups is not likely to end problems in lawless Mindanao.

It might be only the beginning of the struggle.

"Having eliminated Abu Sayyaf, will the Philippine police or the Philippine armed forces be in a position

to maintain its deterrent presence in force for a long period of time, or will it have to pull out to go somewhere else ... while allowing the Abu Sayyaf to regenerate?" asked former Philippine Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro, during an interview with Stars and Stripes.

The Philippine military is now overstretched and ill-equipped to maintain such a presence, said Te-

odooro, a Harvard University-educated lawyer who resigned earlier this month to run in the country's May presidential election.

Without being beefed up, the military would likely be unable to hold onto its victory, and the Mindanao region would slip back into the hands of the insurgency, he said.

"I think that is the story of the repetitive insurgencies in the Philippines," Teodoro said. "We have low

defense spending, and we try compromise mechanisms such as peace talks without the guarantee of the armed forces or the police to stay in force in order to solve the internal conflicts."

Meanwhile, a wider and deeply rooted Muslim separatist movement is likely to live on in the region after al-Qaida is pushed out.

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Teodoro

# Lessons: U.S.-led community projects key to aid effort

## LESSONS, FROM PAGE 4

Jolo has been rocked by six IED bombings since Martin and Shaw were killed there, Velasco said.

Earlier this month a school principal was kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf, and his severed head was left in a bag at a local gas station, authorities said.

In another example of general lawlessness in the region, 57 election workers and journalists were killed this month in violence between rival clans in an area of Mindanao far north of troubled Jolo. Some of the victims were reportedly raped, tortured and beheaded, and the slaughter triggered the government on Monday to call a state of emergency.

Authorities have blamed the killings on an election dispute, and a local politician was jailed in Manila for the crimes. It remains unclear whether Islamic insurgents were involved, but the jailed politician has publicly blamed the killings on the region's Muslim separatists, known as Moros.

The most violent and intractable areas are the main focus of the U.S. military, according to Coultrup.

Philippine marines deployed to Jolo get combat training and assistance from elite U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers, Navy SEALs and Air Force commandos. U.S. aircraft including high-tech unmanned aerial vehicles ply the air over Jolo and pass along intelligence for Philippine military missions.

The years of combined effort — and often bloody military campaigns by Philippine forces — have shrunk the enemy, Velasco said.

He said much of the Abu Sayyaf leadership has been killed and only about 30 to 40 core members remain. At its height in the late 1990s, the group was thought to have about 2,000 members.

But the terror group can still swell by several hundred sympathizers during times of peak conflict, Velasco said.

Philippine forces and their U.S. advisers are placing much of their hope for victory on development aid, which they believe can turn sympathizers and local communities away from insurgent groups.

In 2008, the United States provided a total of \$132 million in funding to promote stability in the Philippines — including military aid and civilian-based aid



PHOTOS BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN/Stars and Stripes

**Maj. Gen. Juancho Sabban, right, unveils a newly built coffee plant nursery earlier this month. The nursery was among community projects completed by Philippine and U.S. forces working to quell terrorism and separatist violence in the southern Philippines.**

work — with 60 percent going to Mindanao, according to the State Department.

Philippine marines deployed to camps across Jolo spend up to 80 percent of their time on public service projects on the impoverished island of about 620,000 people, work that is coordinated by U.S. advisers.

As a result, construction projects have sprouted across Jolo. Villages now have rows of brightly painted new homes, shiny water tanks and reconstructed school buildings.

U.S. forces partner up to give medical, dental and veterinary care, which are nonexistent in the remote stretches of the southern Philippines.

Results of such U.S.-coordinated aid efforts have been en-

couraging elsewhere. Hundreds of fighters farther north in Mindanao have laid down their weapons over the past six months in exchange for farmland, according to Coultrup.

Jolo might prove the ultimate test of that counter-insurgency strategy in the region.

"We are negating the next generation of terrorists," said Maj. Gen. Juancho Sabban, commandant of the Philippine marine corps, who recently visited a marine battalion landing team

responsible for 23 development projects.

Sabban made the trip across the island in a convoy of fast-moving SUVs and heavily armed Humvees headed by an armored personnel carrier.

The roads, once infamous for snipers and ambushes, are now paved. Attacks are rarer than five or 10 years ago, Sabban said.

Sometimes local children smile and wave at passing military units, which is considered a breakthrough in Jolo.

"Where there were no schools, now there are schools catering to the children in this area," he said. "Right now, if you look at the response of the people, they are accepting of the Philippine and U.S. forces."

Still, the island and large

swaths of the region remain lawless, said Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, the minority leader in the Philippine Senate, who was originally appointed by President Corazon Aquino in the 1980s to help with the peace process in Mindanao.

U.S.-led community projects and aid have helped the government gain traction after a four-decade struggle with the Moros, Pimentel said, but those gains have stagnated in recent years.

For example, he noted that the Philippine government has been so far been unable to establish local police and justice systems on Jolo.

"In Jolo, not a single one of the 18 municipalities has a court," Pimentel said.

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Velasco

# Terror: Many Muslims won't accept Philippine government authority

## TERROR, FROM PAGE 4

Accepting Philippine government rule is an "impossible proposition" for hundreds of thousands of Muslims in the region who feel oppressed and economically exploited by a Christian majority in Manila, said Nur Misuari, the founding chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front, one of the oldest armed factions aimed at creating a separate nation for Muslims in Mindanao.

"Sulu (Jolo island) used to be the most powerful kingdom in the region, and it is now the poorest area of the country," he said. "This is how they want us to be. We have no choice but to look for a way out of our circumstances."

The struggle will end only when Muslims in Mindanao are granted a separate state, and until then, they will oppose the encroachment of the Philippine military and U.S. forces, Misuari said.

"If they come here for military reasons, we don't welcome them," he said. "It is best for [the Americans] not to associate with the armed forces because the armed forces are our enemy."

The possibility of a separate Muslim state remains remote after decades of fighting and negotiating.

"It is as elusive and intractable as ever," Misuari said. "But we Muslims never lose hope."

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**Village residents gather at a Philippine marine camp on Sulu to meet a new commander earlier this month. The area is a key stronghold for the al-Qaida-linked terror group Abu Sayyaf.**

## IN THE WORLD

# Russia: Bomb sent train off rails, killing 26

*The Associated Press*

UGLOVKA, Russia — Russian officials opened a terrorism investigation Saturday, saying that a homemade bomb planted on the tracks of the high-speed Moscow-to-St. Petersburg route caused a derailment that killed at least 26 people and injured dozens more.

The head of Russia's Federal Security Service, Alexander Borotnikov, was quoted by the Interfax and RIA Novosti news as saying that an improvised explosive device equivalent to 15 pounds of TNT had detonated when the train passed over it Friday night about 9:30 p.m. Remains of the device were found at the site of the crash, Borotnikov said.

"Indeed, this was a terrorist attack," Interfax cited Vladimir Markin, a spokesman for federal prosecutors, as saying. He told the ITAR-Tass news agency that

the bomb crater on the track was 5 feet deep.

The derailment of the upscale train, which was popular with government officials and business executives, would be Russia's deadliest terrorist strike outside the volatile North Caucasus region in years. Witness accounts appeared to back up reports of a bomb blast.

The last three carriages of the 14-car Nevsky Express careered off the tracks Friday night as the train approached speeds of 130 mph, officials said. More than 600 passengers were on the train when it derailed near the border of the Novgorod and Tver provinces. The rural area is 250 miles northwest of Moscow and 150 miles southeast of St. Petersburg.

There was no word from officials on Saturday on any suspects or their motives, and no group claimed responsibility.



IVAN SEKRETADEV/AP

Investigators and rescue workers examine the site of a train derailment near Uglovka, Russia, on Saturday.

## Once-rich Dubai seeking aid

*The Associated Press*

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — As world markets absorbed the shock of Dubai's debt crisis, the ruler of the once-booming city-state left town for an important meeting with the leaders of neighboring Abu Dhabi, whose balance sheets are flush with oil revenue.

Whatever assistance Abu Dhabi may provide will likely set the tone for the coming week as analysts try to sort out which banks and institutions have the most at stake in the money crunch — which has suddenly shifted Dubai's image from a desert dream factory of indoor ski slopes and a seven-star hotel to a reckless spender unable to pay its bills.

Just this month, Dubai's ruler, Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, assured international investors that all was well with Dubai's finances and told media critics to "shut up."

Dubai's empty pockets — mostly drained by collapsing real estate prices and over-ambitious development plans — touched off panic selling across world markets on fears that the reckoning from the global recession is not over.

Dubai said Wednesday that it is seeking a six-month delay in paying creditors on nearly \$60 billion in debt held by its main development arm, Dubai World, whose holdings range from port operations around the world to luxury retailer Barneys New York.



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A cargo plane crashed shortly after taking off Saturday from Shanghai's main international airport, killing three American crewmembers, a government official said.

## China plane crash kills 3 Americans

BY EUGENE HOSHIKO

*The Associated Press*

SHANGHAI — A Zimbabwe-registered cargo plane crashed in flames during takeoff from Shanghai's main airport Saturday, killing three American crew members and injuring four others on board.

The accident closed two runways at the Pudong airport in China's largest city for several hours. More than 30 international flights were delayed, leaving about 4,000

travelers stranded on planes or in airport lounges, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The MD-11 cargo plane, operated by Zimbabwe-based Avient Aviation, was heading to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, Xinhua said.

Avient's chief operating officer, Simon Clarke, refused to say what cargo it was carrying.

The aircraft's tail struck the ground on takeoff, China Central Television reported, and Xinhua said the plane veered off the runway and burst into flames. Footage showed black smoke billowing from the wreckage.

Three Americans on the seven-member crew died and a fourth was injured, U.S. Embassy spokesman Richard Buangan said.

Shanghai television showed what it called a 61-year-old American co-pilot in a hospital bed, conscious and thanking staff and officials.

Clarke said the crash was Avient's first.

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# Lawmaker warns Iran could leave nuclear treaty

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
*The Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — A hard-line Iranian lawmaker warned Saturday his country could withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in response to a U.N. nuclear watchdog resolution censuring Tehran over its nuclear program.

The threat comes a day after the board of the U.N. nuclear agency passed a resolution demanding Tehran immediately stop building its newly revealed nuclear facility near the holy city of Qom and freeze uranium enrichment.

"The parliament, in its first reaction to this illegal and politically-motivated resolution, can consider the issue of withdrawing from the NPT," Mohammad Karamirad was quoted as saying by the official IRNA news agency, referring to the treaty.

"The parliament ... [also] can block the entry of IAEA inspec-

tors to the country."

Karamirad, a senior lawmaker and member of the Iranian parliament's national security committee, does not speak for the government but his statements often reflect the government's thinking.

His threat could be a tactic to warn the West of possible consequences if it pursues further action against Iran, such as strengthened sanctions.

Iran's parliament has issued similar warnings in the past, most recently in 2006 when some lawmakers threatened to pull the country out of the nonproliferation treaty during another time of increased U.N. pressure over Tehran's nuclear program. Iran backed down, and the government has said that it has no intention of withdrawing from the treaty, which aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology.

**Thousands gather as annual hajj continues**



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

**Thousands of Muslim pilgrims gather on Saturday at Grand Mosque during the hajj in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. The stoning of the devil ritual, performed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, is when the crowds of pilgrims at the five-day hajj are at their height.**

## Pakistani president yields nuclear authority

*The Associated Press*

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's embattled president has relinquished command of the country's nuclear arsenal amid political wrangling that has posed a major distraction to the U.S.-allied government as it fights Taliban and other militants near the Afghan border.

The move came as President Asif Ali Zardari faced the expiration on Saturday of an amnesty protecting him and thousands of other bureaucrats and politicians from corruption charges.

Zardari enjoys general immunity from prosecution as president, but the Supreme Court could choose to challenge his eligibility for the post since the amnesty decree by ex-military leader Pervez Musharraf was never formally approved by parliament.

Zardari has come under tremendous pressure over past corruption allegations, which he denies, as well as military objections to his overtures toward archrival India and acceptance of a multibillion dollar U.S. aid bill that came with conditions some fear impose unwanted controls over the military.

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**Kathryn Morris says she still enjoys playing the role of Lilly on the TV crime drama "Cold Case" — even after seven years.**

## Morris' evolving character keeps 'Cold Case' fresh

BY DENISE MARTIN  
Los Angeles Times

**B**efore signing on to star as the lead detective in the CBS missing-persons drama "Cold Case," Kathryn Morris was courted by Steven Spielberg and Rod Lurie. She played every male's fantasy in HBO's "The Mind of the Married Man" and in John Woo's "Paycheck." Now, seven years into playing "Cold Case's" Lilly Rush, Morris says she's more content than ever.

**Spielberg sought you out after seeing your performance in Lurie's political thriller "The Contender." He later cast you in "Minority Report" and "Al."** How did being pursued by Spielberg like that feel?

**Kathryn Morris:** You think it's a joke when your agent calls you, and then all of a sudden you're in front of him. It's like getting sprinkled with fairy dust. After 10 years in the business, there you are sitting in front of him, and he's got your picture and resume on his desk. I remember he said that he thought I was a very versatile actress, and that's why we were having this meeting. He asked me about how I had come up with my character in "The Contender," and about my past experience and acting. It felt like he was bringing me into his club.

**Lurie, who first cast you in "The Contender," called you his muse. That's adoration.**

He's another decent person. He actually saw me on an audition, it's as boring as that. But we talk a lot. He has his own like little acting company, if you will, and I think he just feels like I'm one of his go-to actors.

When he writes a new script, often he will send it

to me. I feel honored, because for Rod to ask for my feedback means a lot.

**You have been playing Lilly on "Cold Case" for several years now. How do you keep a procedural series fresh? What do you still enjoy about playing her?**

Lilly has evolved from being this little beat cop to this hungry cold case detective to a person who has expanded her sole capacity. Not just with the suspects or the victims. She has really evolved into a person that is as real to me as a relative of mine. It's a pretty cool thing to have for this many years.

**Have you ever felt a little restless or maybe wanted to try something new?**

I'm in talks for a couple of great independent films concurrent with "Cold Case," but the show is having its best season ever if you ask me. To me, when actors get restless on series, I find them to be a little on the lazy side. I'm still looking to be a better actor, and I'm grateful every day.

**Before "Cold Case," you had a juicy role in HBO's "Mind of the Married Man." Could you see doing comedy again?**

Ha, that show really [ticked] some women off, didn't it?

**Well, yes.**

It became a little controversial, and I loved being

part of the controversy. Playing the press secretary to the mayor, being this fantasy of a smart bossy woman who can roll in lingerie and have sex while talking politics in bed ... I loved it. It was just so much fun, but again, I'm really happy on "Cold Case" now. It's like doing a mini movie every week on our show.

**It sounds like you maybe miss the sexy part of that role.**

I'm actually a real girly girl, even though Lilly is in suits 24/7. I'm a girl that wants to climb in a van with 10 other girls and camp out in chenille to go see "Sex and the City." My girlfriends and I did dress up for it.

That's a whole other side of myself. I even have a new fashion venture that's in the early stages of design. The other day we had this chill in the air and I walked over to the camera crew and, "Boys, there's good news: It's chilly enough for cute boot weather!"

**In "Cold Case," you jump around in time, solving missing persons cases from all sorts of periods.**

**Do you have a favorite time period the show has gotten to explore?**

I actually prefer cases that are a little bit more recent. But I do like the '80s because of the music. In our two-part season finale it was exclusively Pearl Jam. That was just the coolest.

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# DNA matching

## Swab kits now used to test for genetic compatibility

BY MEGAN K. SCOTT  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Looking for love? Try leaning in for a ... cheek swab.

A couple of genetic testing companies are promising to match couples based on the DNA testing, touting the benefits of biological compatibility.

The companies claim that a better biological match will mean better sex, less cheating, longer-lasting love and perhaps even healthier children.

"How many dating services can you think of where they can suggest you might have better children?" said Eric Holzle, founder of ScientificMatch.com, one of the first online dating sites to use DNA.

Holzle wouldn't reveal membership numbers, but GenePartner, a Swiss company that works with matchmakers and dating sites, has tested more than 1,000 people, according to chief scientific officer Tamara Brown.

The GenePartner Test is \$99 and will be offered at the dating site sense2love.com when it relaunches next month. The idea is that people tend to be attracted to those who have immune system genes that are dissimilar from

AP

***"Our aim is to do the best possible match in the shortest amount of time."***

Anju Rupal  
Founder of sense2love.com

their own.

Biologists say the HLA genes of the immune system — which are responsible for recognizing and marking foreign cells such as viruses so other parts of the immune system can attack them — also determine body odor "fingerprints." And people tend to be attracted to the natural body odors of those who have different HLA genes from their own.

In one study, Swiss biologist Claus Wedekind found that women who were not taking hormonal contraception preferred the natural scent of men whose immune systems were the most different from theirs.

Dr. Rocio Moran, medical director of the General Genetics Clinic at the Cleveland Clinic, called the idea "ridiculous," and said the science of attraction is too complex to look at only a few genes. "They are just trying to make a buck," she said. "That if it's genetic, it must be real science."

When a sample of married people was studied, their immune systems were not that different, said Patrick Markey, associate professor of psychology at

Villanova. And he notes that hundreds of studies have shown the importance of personality and physical appearance in choosing a mate.

For some, factors such as whether the person smokes, is fat or wants children will override biological compatibility, said Helen Fisher, a biological anthropologist and author of "Why Him? Why Her?" She believes genes play a role but said it's only one part of the puzzle.

Rachel Herz, author of "The Scent of Desire," who teaches olfaction and human behavior at Brown, believes the science is legit but thinks prospective matches should swap T-shirts and sniff. "Above all physical factors — for example, how he looks — and social factors, how guys smell is more important than anything else," she said.

Singles who sign up for ScientificMatch.com get a package in the mail containing a skin cells-swab kit. The person mails the kit to the lab, with results in approximately two weeks, then uploads a profile and photos and takes a personal values test. Matches are generated based on the DNA, values and preferences.

Anju Rupal, founder of matchmaking site sense2love.com is partnering with GenePartner. Members are not required to take the test to sign up, but are encouraged to do so to whittle down the number of potential matches. "A woman wants to date, settle down and have children. Guys don't want to waste time," she said. "Our aim is to do the best possible match in the shortest amount of time."

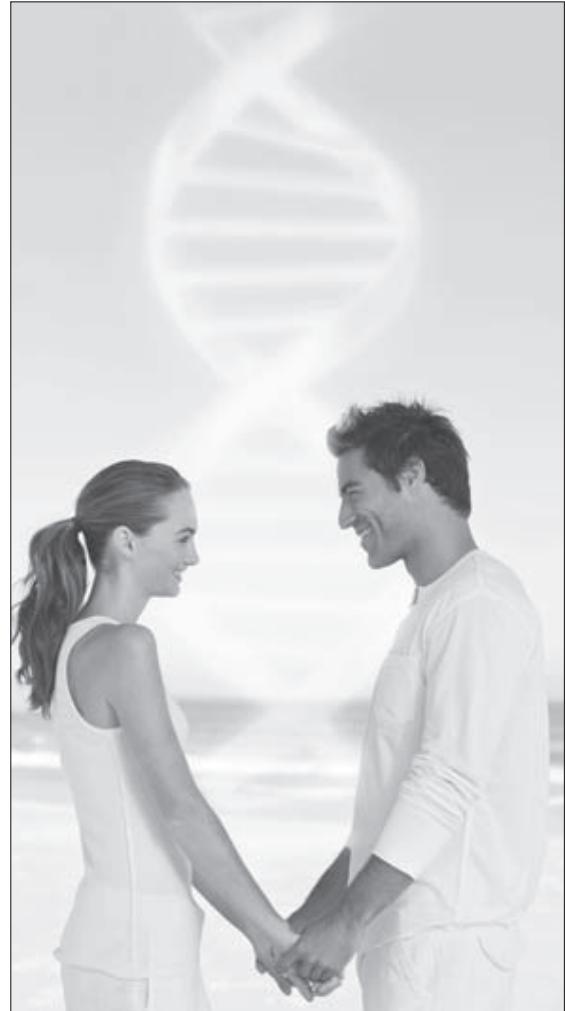


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**GenePartner, a Swiss company that works with matchmakers and dating sites, has tested more than 1,000 people.**

## Decoded human genome a roadmap to tailored treatments

BY ROBERT S. BOYD  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Six years after scientists finished decoding the human genome — the genetic instruction book for life — they're taking their knowledge from the research laboratory to the doctor's office and the patient's bedside.

Researchers are seeking ways to tailor treatments to individuals — they call it "personalized medicine" — in order to improve patient outcomes and to lower costs in the U.S. health care system. The

goal is to deliver the right drug at the right time in the right dose to the right person, and eliminate treatments that don't work.

"We want to optimize the way we practice medicine, diagnosis and risk prediction," said Francis Collins, who ran the federal government's Human Genome Project from 1993 to 2008.

For example, instead of a standard therapy to treat breast cancer, personalized medicine allows doctors to employ a treatment precisely designed to fit one woman's specific needs. If a gene test

shows that her tumor overproduces a substance called HER-2, she's considered to be a good candidate for the drug Herceptin, which cuts her chance of a recurrence nearly in half. If the test is negative, using the drug could be wasteful.

Advocates say that personalized medicine also can reduce unnecessary suffering and expense by minimizing the chance of adverse drug reactions. According to the Food and Drug Administration, there were 319,741 serious illnesses and 49,958 deaths due to

unexpected reactions to drugs last year in the United States alone. A British study estimated the cost of such reactions at \$847 million per year in the United Kingdom.

Advances in genomic medicine are accelerating, thanks to new, high-speed sequencing machines. Unlike the methods used to decode the first sample genome, second-generation robotic machines can analyze hundreds of thousands of units of DNA in minutes.

Collins said the improvement in speed of sequencing had been "breathtaking," and, conse-

quently, costs have come down proportionately.

In 2003, it cost an estimated \$300 million to decode the first genome of an individual human. By 2007, the cost per person had come down to \$100 million, and by 2008, it was \$60,000. The current cost is about \$20,000, according to Clifford Reid, the chief executive of Complete Genomics Inc.

Collins said the goal within five years is to sequence a complete human genome for \$1,000, making it a staple of medical practice.



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## YOUR MONEY

# Revived auto leasing market is challenging

By DAVE CARPENTER  
The Associated Press

**A**uto leasing, temporarily crippled by the credit and financial crisis, is making a comeback this fall.

Chrysler, Ford and General Motors all curtailed leasing operations last year when credit markets locked up and soaring gasoline prices left them facing losses on the used SUVs and other gas-guzzlers that their financing arms sell when leases expire.

Business isn't nearly back to where it was before the crunch hit, when leases comprised about 20 percent of all car transactions. But it is trending upward after hitting a high for the year of 12.8 percent in October, up from a bottom of 7.2 percent in August, according to automotive information site Edmunds.com.

The turnaround reflects both the slowly strengthening economy and a change in strategy by U.S. carmakers, whose sales suffered from the absence or limited availability of leasing.

"The Big Three have quietly restarted their leasing programs, even expanding them to include smaller or mid-size vehicles to encourage people back into cars," says Mark Guarino, an auto analyst for Chicago-based market research company Mintel International.

All three have now revived their leasing programs through those finance units and are able to lease cars at more affordable prices in an improved credit market and still make money. In-



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Finding an attractive leasing deal is difficult, and you'll need good credit to get one at all. The discounts and other incentives long used to make leases more appealing aren't nearly as plentiful.

International automakers such as Honda and Toyota, meanwhile, have remained in the leasing market throughout.

Consumers still face a more challenging lease market, however.

**Does leasing make any more, or less, sense financially than it did before the crisis?**

Finding an attractive deal is tougher now, and you'll need good credit to get one at all. Beyond that, the discounts and other incentives long used to make leases

more appealing aren't nearly as plentiful.

Otherwise, the pros and cons remain about the same as before.

Leasing can give you lower monthly payments than if you purchased the same car. Or for a similar monthly payment, you can drive a much better vehicle. Problems with the car you leased? The manufacturer's three-year new car warranty should protect you. For that reason, it's advisable to have a lease term of no more than three years.

But it really only makes financial sense to lease if you change cars frequently and can take a tax break for driving for business purposes.

Monthly payments don't stop when you lease. If you buy, on the other hand, you could enjoy years of no payments once a five-year car loan is paid off. And you will own a vehicle that may be worth \$15,000 or more.

**What can I do to improve my chances of finding a good leasing deal?**

Watch closely for better price offers as the comeback continues and carmakers try to recoup business now that the sales surge from the Cash for Clunkers rebate program is over.

"You're going to see the manufacturers be more aggressive as the year closes," says chief executive Sergio Stiberman of Lease-Trader.com, an online service for swapping car leases. "So be open for things."

A list of incentives and rebates by region is available at Edmunds.com. If you have decided you want a lease, review what's available, look at the terms to make sure it's active in your area and verify with the dealership's financial arm that you qualify.

Also, check your credit report in advance. There may be problems that could cost you a good lease and can be fixed easily. For example, perhaps you moved and a bill went to your old address that you weren't able to pay on time.

**If I lease a car, how does insurance coverage work?**

A: You are required to obtain insurance on your own, with specified minimum limits. Most leasing companies require at least 100/300 for covering bodily injury — \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 total coverage.

It will likely be more expensive than insuring a car you own. Since you'll always be driving a new or nearly new vehicle when you lease, you won't have the option of reducing your rate as it ages.

You may also have to get gap insurance, which covers the difference between what your auto insurer pays if your car is stolen or totaled, and the full amount you owe the finance company.

Check to see if the contract you're signing includes gap insurance. If there's an option to buy it, you should.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Nov. 30)	85.00
South Korean won (Nov. 30)	1,137.00
Euro costs (Nov. 30)	\$1.5293
Dollar buys (Nov. 30)	€ 0.6539
British pound (Nov. 30)	\$1.68

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	£1.6479
Canada (Dollar)	1.0623
China (Yuan)	6.8294
Denmark (Krone)	4,9776
Egypt (Pound)	5,4545
Euro	€1.4954/0.6687
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7,7503
Hungary (Forint)	182.45
Israel (Shekel)	3,7930
Japan (Yen)	86.70
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2850
Norway (Krone)	5.6850
Philippines (Peso)	47.15
Poland (Zloty)	2.78
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3874
South Korea (Won)	1,173.70
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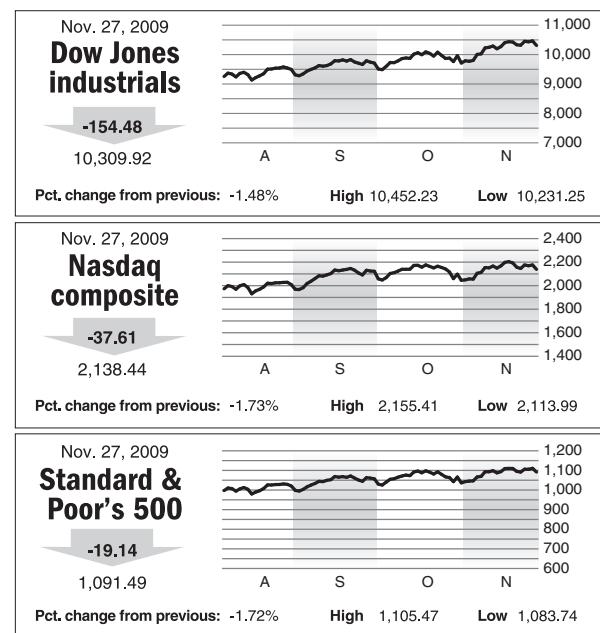
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## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	4.21

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

## A DAY ON WALL STREET



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# Government delays new ban on Internet gambling

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve are giving U.S. financial institutions an additional six months to comply with regulations designed to ban Internet gambling.

The two agencies said Friday that the new rules, which were to take effect on Tuesday, will be delayed until June 1.

A key Democratic opponent of the ban on online gambling praised the action and said it would give Congress time to overturn a law passed in 2006 when Republicans controlled Congress.

The delayed rules would curb online gambling by prohibiting financial institutions from ac-

cepting payments from credit cards, checks or electronic fund transfers to settle online wagers.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., praised Friday's announcement. He is sponsoring legislation that would roll back a 2006 law that bans financial institutions from handling transactions made to and from Internet gambling sites.

"This will give us a chance to act in an unhurried manner on my legislation to undo this regulatory excess by the Bush administration and to undo this ill-advised law," Frank said.

U.S. bettors have been estimated to supply at least half the revenue of the \$16 billion Internet gambling industry, which is largely hosted overseas.

# White House welcomes official Christmas tree

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A day after celebrating Thanksgiving, first lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha received the official White House Christmas tree: an 18-foot Douglas fir delivered from a farm in Shepherdstown, W.Va., by traditional horse-drawn carriage.

Growers Eric and Gloria Sundback officially presented the tree to the Obamas on Friday.

"It's big enough for Sasha to climb in, I think," Eric Sundback joked. The tree was pulled up the driveway from Pennsylvania Avenue by a

pair of Belgian draft horses with red Christmas bows tied to their tails. A sign affixed to the side of the carriage said "White House Christmas Tree 2009."

The 12-foot-wide tree is destined for the oval-shaped Blue Room on the State Floor of the White House, where scores of volunteers will decorate it. The tree, which the Sundbacks planted in 1996, was hand-picked on Oct. 20 on a visit to the Sundbacks' farm by retired Rear Adm. Stephen Rochon, the White House chief usher, and Dale Haney, superintendent of the White House grounds.



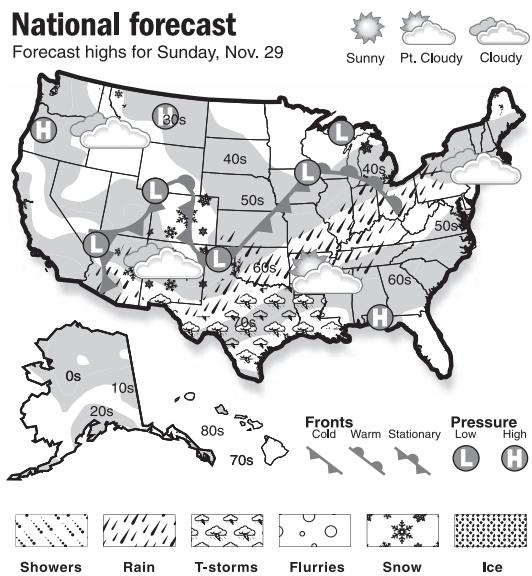
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First lady Michelle Obama and daughters Sasha, center, and Malia welcome the official White House Christmas tree as it was delivered on Friday.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Nov. 29



### Front develops late in the day

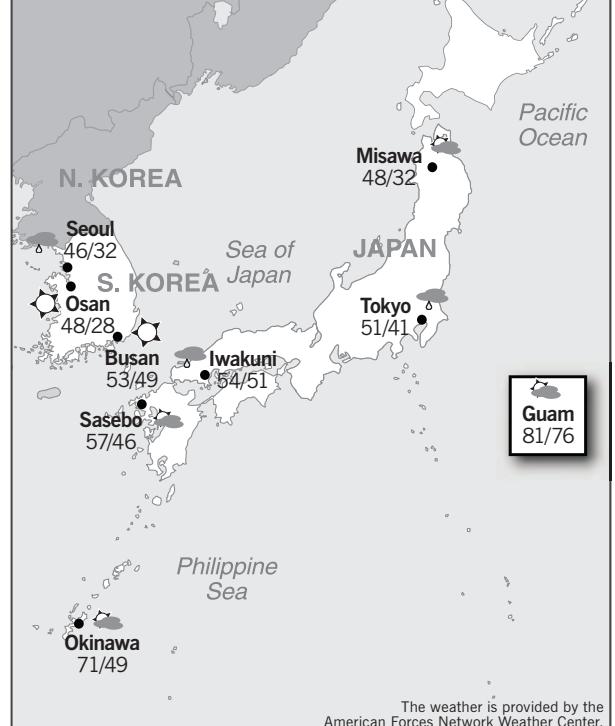
A developing front will provide increasing afternoon rain from the Southern Plains through the Ohio Valley. A low pressure system will continue to provide precipitation in the Southwest. Chilly temperatures are expected in the Northern Plains.

Weather Underground • AP

### Saturday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	63	43	rn
Amsterdam	49	41	rn	Lima	70	64	cdy
Athens	66	41	clr	Lisbon	62	53	rn
Auckland	64	57	pc	London	47	41	rn
Bahgdad	55	55	cdy	Madrid	55	42	rn
Basra	58	52	rn	Managua	91	73	clr
Bahrain	80	72	pc	Manila	88	77	pc
Bangkok	90	71	clr	Mecca	83	72	rn
Barbados	87	75	pc	Melbourne	80	63	rn
Barcelona	61	51	rn	Mexico City	68	42	pc
Beijing	44	24	clr	Montevideo	69	56	rn
Beirut	71	58	rn	Montreal	44	41	rn
Belgrade	61	38	clr	Moscow	44	37	rn
Berlin	51	42	rn	Nairobi	80	60	rn
Bermuda	78	69	rn	New Nassau	77	69	rn
Bogota	69	42	pc	New Delhi	77	51	clr
Brasilia	81	68	rn	Nice	63	48	pc
Brisbane	84	69	clr	Osaka	68	44	clr
Brussels	46	42	rn	Oslo	41	37	rn
Bucharest	60	30	cdy	Panama	90	75	rn
Budapest	51	42	rn	Paris	51	46	rn
Buenos Aires	70	64	rn	Perth	73	44	clr
Cairo	72	59	rn	Prague	51	37	clr
Calgary	34	19	sn	Rio de Janeiro	89	78	pc
Caracas	87	77	cl	Rome	60	50	pc
Colombo	87	69	clr	San Jose	78	67	rn
Copenhagen	46	42	rn	San Juan	86	74	clr
Dhahran	86	69	clr	San Salvador	86	66	clr
Dhaka	82	62	clr	Santiago	83	48	clr
Dili	91	75	rn	Sao Paulo	83	69	rn
Dubai	85	67	clr	Sapporo	47	33	rn
Dublin	43	35	rn	Seoul	48	32	pc
Frankfurt	50	44	rn	Singapore	91	76	rn
Geneva	52	37	rn	Sofia	55	30	clr
Guatemala	73	57	pc	Stockholm	44	39	rn
Hanoi	81	68	rn	Sydney	89	70	rn
Harare	89	56	clr	Taipei	77	66	pc
Havana	77	51	pc	Tegucigalpa	71	64	pc
Helsinki	44	41	rn	Tehran	54	41	clr
Hong Kong	81	70	pc	Tel Aviv	73	53	clr
Islamabad	71	44	pc	Tokyo	66	53	clr
Istanbul	58	43	clr	Turin	52	41	pc
Jakarta	89	72	clr	Toronto	46	34	rn
Jerusalem	73	53	clr	Tunis	72	51	pc
Johannesburg	81	62	rn	Valletta	68	56	clr
Kabul	44	32	pc	Vancouver	45	37	pc
Kiev	53	33	clr	Vienna	42	32	pc
Kuala Lumpur	93	75	rn	Warsaw	50	36	clr
Kuwait	66	59	rn	Zurich	49	33	rn

## MONDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Sunday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	41	18	Clry	Erie	49	37	Rain	Jacksonville	72	38	PCldy	Montgomery	70	41	Clry	Richmond	64	36	Clry	Springfield, Ill.	50	41	Cldy		
Abilene, Tex.	56	49	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	69	39	Clry	Eugene	46	33	Clry	Junoave	39	35	Rain	Nashville	62	43	Clry	Roanoke	63	37	PCldy	Springfield, Mo.	53	46	Cldy		
Akron, Ohio	51	36	Rain	Charleston, W.Va.	62	34	PCldy	Evansville	53	44	Clry	Kansas City	44	38	Clry	New Orleans	73	54	Clry	Rochester	48	33	Clry	Syracuse	46	33	Cldy		
Albany, N.Y.	47	32	Cldy	Charlotte, N.C.	67	36	PCldy	Fairbanks	04B03	Clry	Key West	78	66	PCldy	New York City	56	39	Clry	Rockford	45	35	Clry	Tallahassee	70	37	PCldy			
Albuquerque	46	39	Cldy	Chattanooga	63	37	PCldy	Fargo	35	25	Clry	Knoxville	61	37	PCldy	Newark	56	38	Clry	Sacramento	61	36	Clry	Tampa	76	51	Cldy		
Allentown, Pa.	53	30	PCldy	Cheyenne	37	20	PCldy	Flagstaff	39	25	Clry	Lake Charles	73	55	Clry	Norfolk, Va.	66	40	Clry	St. Louis	53	47	Clry	Toledo	50	37	Rain		
Amarillo	44	30	Cldy	Chicago	46	37	Clry	Flint	45	32	Clry	Lansing	44	34	Clry	North Platte	44	24	PCldy	St. Petersburg	73	54	Clry	Topeka	47	38	Cldy		
Anchorage	21	18	Cldy	Cincinnati	56	40	Clry	Fort Smith	59	49	Rain	Las Vegas	60	44	PCldy	Oklahoma City	52	46	Clry	St. Thomas	86	76	Clry	Tucson	61	46	Cldy		
Asheville	64	33	PCldy	Cleveland	51	38	Rain	Fort Wayne	50	36	Clry	Lexington	55	41	Clry	Omaha	44	33	Clry	Salem, Ore.	49	35	Clry	Tulsa	54	49	Cldy		
Atlanta	64	41	PCldy	Colorado Springs	36	24	Snow	Fresno	57	36	Clry	Lincoln	44	33	Clry	Orlando	76	47	PCldy	Salt Lake City	44	28	PCldy	Tupelo	64	43	Cldy		
Atlantic City	58	33	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	69	37	PCldy	Goodland	40	27	Clry	Little Rock	60	48	Clry	Paducah	55	45	Clry	San Angelo	62	51	Clry	Waco	64	61	Rain		
Austin	71	60	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	68	41	PCldy	Grand Junction	45	26	PCldy	Los Angeles	69	49	Clry	Pendleton	44	32	PCldy	San Antonio	72	60	Clry	Washington, D.C.	60	37	Clry		
Baltimore	58	34	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	55	39	Clry	Grand Rapids	43	35	Clry	Louisville	54	42	Clry	Peoria	48	39	Clry	San Diego	64	49	PCldy	W. Palm Beach	80	59	PCldy		
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Birmingham	67	43	PCldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	60	59	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	66	35	PCldy	Madison	40	31	Clry	Pittsburgh	54	35	Clry	Santa Fe	43	31	Snow	Wilkes-Barre	47	31	Cldy		
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Boise	40	26	PCldy	Daytona Beach	74	45	PCldy	Hartford Spfld	52	34	Clry	Memphis	64	48	Clry	Portland, Maine	49	31	Clry	Savannah	70	38	Clry	Yakima	46	28	PCldy		
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Bridgeport	52	34	PCldy	Des Moines	42	34	Clry	Honolulu	84	71	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	54	47	Clry	Pueblo	40	25	Snow	Raleigh-Durham	68	34	PCldy	Sioux Falls	41	28	Cldy		
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## Jesus cartoon disgusting

I'm offended Stars and Stripes would allow a cartoonist to make a mockery of Jesus in your opinion section (Nov. 17).

In the cartoon, Jesus is being called a socialist, among other questionable names. More indignant was the cartoonist's use of Jesus Christ as a comic tool to forward his slant on the current health care debate. While liberals' disgust in anything deemed "absolutist" is prevalent, the use of Jesus Christ as a pawn for their agenda is unspeakable.

Had the cartoonist instead used Muhammad in his caricature, he may have received the same kind of threats as the cartoonists in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten. Yet, to the liberal-minded, Jesus Christ is an easy mark for their comedy, because so few Christians have the gall to speak out against such mockery. Taking advantage of this complacency has surely become commonplace.

What's bothersome is Stars and Stripes allowing this cartoonist a medium to espouse comedy at the expense of believers. I'm appalled Stars and Stripes would allow this to be printed.

**Sgt. 1st Class Steve Bradford**  
*Joint Base Balad, Iraq*

## PTSD study won't help

I read "Military tries to predict PTSD" (article, Nov. 21) with a heavy heart. Testing someone before and after battle isn't going to render more information than is already at our disposal: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

We know how to lessen our chances of getting cancer, getting into car accidents and becoming violent by not smoking, driving slower and learning ways to manage our anger. Post-traumatic stress disorder is no different. Military officials should try studying servicemembers to see who has the predisposition to lose a leg or suffer third-degree burns and see how far that gets them.

Bringing PTSD out from under the umbrella of shame is to be lauded for sure, but

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why is it being singled out as the thing to treat before it happens? This is tantamount to trying to find ways to make smoking, speeding and domestic violence "safer."

Just because there are those who come away from battle relatively unharmed doesn't mean there's some magic formula out there just waiting to be discovered that would allow everyone to come home with a happy face. What is the military hoping for — disposition and constitution transplants from the unclothed to the pre-deployed?

War is already the least logical approach to anything, much like tossing someone into a food processor when they need an appendectomy.

Stop "studying" our wounded and treat them fully. Stop purposefully putting people into situations we already know are fraught with peril beyond their control, and dump the rest of the money, time and energy into another thing we already know: Diplomacy (and when needed, shackles and snipers) works.

**Diana Hartman**  
*Stuttgart, Germany*

## Military must reduce waste

[Regarding "Burning question" (article, Nov. 7), about the military's use of burn pits to dispose of trash and other waste]: There are a couple of issues here. One is a complete lack of protection for our human resources on bases (not to mention the detrimental long-term effects to the local population). The other is related to why this is such a pervasive problem.

Comparing [this tour] with my first tour in Baghdad in 2003-04, I can attest that the air pollution problem has gotten much worse, due to the massive amounts of one-use, nonrecycled plastics and water bottles generated by the tons each day.

There are three dining facilities at Camp Speicher, and one dining hall restricts patrons to using plastic everything (utensils, plates, cups, bowls, bottles and wrappers). The lack of washable utensils and the lack of incentives to encourage their use result in the policy to "hide the evidence" and reduce landfill space by nonstop burning — which often gets out of control during spring and summer.

The military must figure out a way to reduce waste. Effective ads run on American Forces Network encouraging safety and ways to prevent suicide, but very little is conveyed on how waste thrown away [and burned] creates chemical-laden fumes that can cause lung disease.

Many of my buddies switched to real silverware when they learned that the plastic set of three utensils (of which the fork is often the only one used) and other plastic ware end up in the dump and is burned in huge, polluting plumes. Plastics are made with petrochemicals and use substantial amounts of energy in their production, and also have to be constantly shipped via plane and truck. Reusable water bottles and washable utensils should be a top priority for all the armed forces.

**Staff Sgt. Van Berry**  
*Camp Speicher, Iraq*

## Abbas' weakness strengthens Hamas

*Los Angeles Times editorial*

There are reports of a deal to exchange hundreds of Palestinian prisoners for captured Israeli Sgt. Gilad Shalit. This is welcome news because the Islamic militant group Hamas has held the 23-year-old soldier as a human pawn, virtually incomunicado, since his capture on the Gaza Strip border in June 2006.

Shalit's release would be a political boon for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. ... Similarly, among Palestinians, Hamas would benefit from being seen as a liberator of prisoners from Israeli jails.

Unless there is also something in the agreement for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, however, the mod-

erate West Bank administrator will once again seem the loser.

Abbas, 74, has been growing politically weaker in recent months, undercut by Israel and the Obama administration, as well as by Hamas. Efforts to reconcile his Fatah faction with Hamas have stalled, and elections scheduled for January had to be postponed because Hamas refuses to allow them to take place in Gaza, the territory under its control. Peace negotiations that broke down during last winter's Gaza war have not resumed, largely because the U.S. failed to persuade Netanyahu to freeze Israeli settlement construction on lands captured in the 1967 war. The Obama administration also undermined Abbas' credibility with Palestinians by pressing him

to withdraw support for a United Nations report accusing Israel of violating international law during the Gaza war.

The Palestinian Authority owes its existence to the 1993 Oslo peace process, and Palestinian support for the authority rises and falls with its perceived ability to negotiate the creation of a Palestinian state. ... Frustrated, Abbas has threatened to resign and floated the idea of seeking U.N. support for a declaration of a Palestinian state without Israel's consent. That no one seems to be making a play for the job if Abbas leaves is one sign of just how weakened the presidency is. It's hard to see how Israel would benefit from losing its most reliable Palestinian partner, or how prospects for peace would be improved without Abbas.

**By GARRY TRUDEAU**

## Doonesbury



## OPINION

## Afghan goals tied to legitimate government

By FREDERICK W. KAGAN  
AND KIMBERLY KAGAN

The president will soon announce the deployment of additional U.S. forces to Afghanistan, in a speech likely to emphasize the importance of political progress there. Legitimacy is the most important outcome of a counterinsurgency strategy, not, as some have suggested, an input. It is unfortunate that much of the debate has ignored the role that additional military forces can play in building legitimacy and effective government in a counterinsurgency. Adding forces gives us leverage; military forces are vital to the success of any political strategy because they contribute directly to improving governance as well as to improving security.

The recent American experience in Iraq illustrates how U.S. forces and diplomacy helped correct the behaviors of a sometimes malign government in ways that helped neutralize insurgent groups. In early 2007, many Iraqi leaders were using instruments of state to support sectarian death squads. The dysfunctional government could not secure the population, pass laws or provide services to its people. The implementation of a fully resourced counterinsurgency strategy — enabled by the deployment of nearly six additional U.S. combat brigades — transformed Iraq's government within 18 months. Opponents of the "surge" argued that Iraqis would "step up" politically and militarily only if they knew that U.S. forces would leave. Instead, before committing to the fight, political leaders and populations throughout Iraq assessed whether U.S. forces would stay long enough to secure them. Iraqis stepped up precisely because of the absence of conditionality and time limits on U.S. force levels.

If the Afghan government were fully legitimate, there would be no insurgency. U.S. and international actions must aim to improve the Afghan government's ability to provide basic services such as security and dispute resolution nationwide, building the legitimacy of the government in Kabul sufficiently to dampen a large-scale

insurgency. They must persuade and even compel Afghan leaders to stop activities that alienate the people and create fertile ground for insurgents.

Adding U.S. forces in large numbers would help. It is critical that the Afghan people be provided security. Continuous violence, insurgent intimidation and propaganda campaigns create a sense of insecurity that undermines the government. As we have seen in Iraq and some parts of Afghanistan, a reduction in violence can slow or stop the erosion of the government's legitimacy. It can also create space in which to resolve underlying tensions. ...

But American military forces also contribute directly to efforts to improve Afghan institutions. In Afghanistan, as in Iraq, international troops will partner with army and police units. Afghan forces can learn by listening to the exhortations of mentors and by seeing the world's best military perform those tasks. Partnered American units also hinder illegal activities, such as extortion, that Afghan units might otherwise undertake.

American military forces can also help restrain politicians' abuses of power. U.S. forces can develop a picture of local power structures, including those through which Afghan officials abuse their power and exacerbate the insurgency. American commanders can collect evidence on individual offenders that a reformed Afghan judicial system would one day be able to use. In the short term, such evidence can be published, embarrassing the official and others involved. ... We can also threaten to add the worst offenders to our target lists when abuse of power directly supports the enemy. Used systematically, as happened in Iraq, this leverage can dramatically alter the behavior of networks of people misusing their power.

Making the deployment of forces conditional on the behavior of the Afghan government is counterproductive. Withholding forces reduces our ability to control the violence and to spot the networks of corruption. It encourages Afghan leaders to avoid committing to support our



objectives. Declaring that our military commitment depends on things not under our control undermines the confidence Afghans have in our staying power, dramatically reducing the likelihood that they will side with us against enemies who would otherwise kill them.

Conditionality makes more sense when applied to financial aid, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton recently indicated. Afghanistan depends on international aid to function. Threatening to withhold all aid would be foolish. But donors could establish specific targets for reducing corruption and improving the effectiveness of particular ministries and local governments. Continued aid to those institutions could be made dependent on their progress. ... Aid could be suspended or reduced to ministries or localities known to be run for the advantage of important members of the corruption networks, as a way to cajole President Hamid Karzai into removing them from power. This approach

places the conditionality where we want it — on our support to the Afghan government — rather than on our ability to pursue our own security objectives.

Afghan governance will not improve as long as American forces are unable to provide security to the people and improve the capabilities of Afghan forces. It will not improve as long as Afghans think that the U.S. is not serious about the effort. Since 2005 the U.S. has failed to provide the military effort with enough resources, yet expected an effective Afghan government to blossom. This strategy helped bring us to the current crisis. President Barack Obama should embrace and resource the counterinsurgency approach that Gen. Stanley McChrystal has proposed.

Frederick W. Kagan is director of the Critical Threats Project at the American Enterprise Institute. Kimberly Kagan is president of the Institute for the Study of War. They advised Gen. McChrystal in Afghanistan over the summer, but the views expressed in this column, which first appeared in *The Washington Post*, are their own.

## Military should respect, not downplay, red flags

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel editorial*

It's impossible to say with certainty that the Army could have prevented the suicide of James Weigl, an Army veteran of Iraq who hanged himself in March.

There is no absolutely no difficulty, however, in concluding that if Weigl's case accurately reflects the concern and quality of care afforded the nation's emotionally and mentally wounded warriors, this country is failing them. This is clear from the insensitivities displayed and the number of lapses that spelled treatment ignored or delayed for a troubled man.

Weigl was driven by patriotism to join the Army but he shouldn't have been allowed to enlist at all because of his medical history. He soon found himself falling prey to emotional and mental turmoil. The Army, according to records compiled by his mother, essentially told him that he was failing to get out of a return trip to Iraq.

As the model soldier deteriorated into a soldier with an "attitude problem," depression went unrecognized and untreated. When it was finally acknowledged, a diagnosis of bipolar disorder came with it. After initial treatment, this too went unmedicated for a time, according to Weigl's records.

And yet none of that compelled the

Army to conclude that he shouldn't be sent for another tour of duty in Iraq or, apparently, to ponder whether he should be discharged.

The Army's view seemed to be that its investment in his training trumped his difficulties. We've heard this rationale also in the case of Army psychiatrist Nidal Malik Hasan, accused in the Fort Hood massacre. He also gave warning signs of danger ahead — warnings that he shouldn't be in

the Army at all.

When Weigl was finally discharged early — and honorably — the official reason was for injuries sustained during a car crash that was in itself a byproduct of his mental difficulties. What treatment he got was because of his parents' insistence.

Released from the Army, the Department of Veterans Affairs actively helped him. But it wasn't enough. He told his mother that he had "hit a wall."

His parents in Illinois rushed to help him but found him hanging in his garage.

One hundred forty soldiers took their own lives last year, with 129 counted at mid-year 2009. It's unclear how many Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have done so because so many get private treatment.

What is clear is that the military's increasing awareness of the emotional toll that war and service exacts is welcome but belated. We owe soldiers more than this.

## Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS





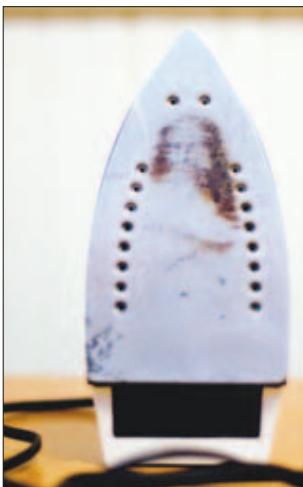
Aztec dance at Alcatraz

A young boy dances during an Aztec ceremony at the Indigenous People's Sunrise Gathering at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco.



## A glass a day

Ernie Weir looks over a glass of wine at his Hagafen Cellars winery in Napa, Calif. The winery is one of the few that are kosher in the country.



## Jesus or Mona Lisa?

To Mary Jo Coady, residue on an iron at her home in Methuen, Mass., looks like an image of Jesus Christ, reassuring her that "life is going to be good."

## The Jon and Kate of the animal world

**WY** POWELL — A Wyoming family's Leonberger dog has given birth to a litter of 18 puppies.

Ariel, a large Leonberger dog owned by Mary Ann Ruggiero-Smith, of Powell, gave birth to the puppies late last month.

After the pups were born, the family of Ruggiero-Smith and Paul Smith pitched in to help feed the lot puppy formula. By the time the puppies were a week and a half old, Ariel was producing enough milk to feed them with little or no help.

## Christian church, Native Americans reconcile

**NY** NEW YORK — Members of America's oldest Protestant church have apologized for the first time for the massacre and displacement of Native Americans 400 years ago.

The Collegiate Church, formerly the First Dutch Reform Church, and representatives of the Lenape tribe held a ceremony of reconciliation in New York City.

The ceremony took place on the spot where the First Dutch Reform Church once stood. It was known as the "company church" of the Dutch merchants, whose trading post helped develop the city's economic power. The ceremony was held where Broadway begins. Four hundred years ago, Broadway was an American Indian trail.

The Rev. Robert Chase told the Lenape: "We consumed your resources, dehumanized your people and disregarded your culture."

## Glitch limits viewing of drunken driving suspects

**HI** HONOLULU — A computer glitch is limiting the viewing of drunken driving suspects arrested by Honolulu police.

The police department began posting pictures of the charged suspects on its Web site in an effort to deter people from becoming intoxicated and then driving.

The pictures of 56 people were placed on the site, but only users of Internet Explorer browsers were able to see them. Users of Firefox, Safari and other browsers were unable to view the pictures.

Police spokeswoman Caroline Sluyter said technicians are looking into the problem but she did not know when the site would be fully operational. A note on the page says it is best viewed using Internet Explorer version 6 or later.

## Family sues over dead man's shattered casket

**AZ** PHOENIX — A family is suing after they say their relative's body slipped out of a casket that broke when it was dropped into the grave. The cemetery workers fled, leaving stunned mourners to pull the corpse back out of the grave themselves, the family says.

Lawsuits filed by the children, wife and two dozen family members of Robert Gowdy Sr., 50, claim a strap on a casket-lowering device snapped as family was gathered around the grave last year, dropping Gowdy's coffin and breaking it open, The Arizona Republic newspaper reported.

After the mishap at the grave, the cemetery workers ran away,

the family said.

Two family members tried to lift the casket but the bottom dropped out, exposing that it was made of stapled-together particle board, according to the lawsuit against the city of Mesa and its workers, the funeral home, casket company and device-maker.

The Gowdys said they had contracted with the funeral home to purchase a solid wood casket. The funeral director for the Preston Funeral Home in Phoenix told them the model wasn't available and offered an upgrade to a better model, they said.

The funeral home denied that Gowdy's body slid out of the casket, according to court documents.

## Man apparently tried to haul away ATM

**CO** BOULDER — Authorities say a man in Colorado apparently tried to steal an ATM by hauling it away with a truck.

The plan didn't work. The alleged attempted theft of the free-standing, outdoor ATM in Boulder set off an alarm. When police arrived they found the ATM on its side about 15 feet from its foundation outside a Chase Bank. No money had been taken.

Surveillance photos show a man hooking the ATM's chain to the back of a U-Haul truck. The truck, which had been reported as stolen, was discovered a short distance away later that day.

## Suspect dies after police chase, shooting

**TX** DALLAS — Authorities said a man who led police on a long chase was fatally shot after his pickup truck slammed into a tree and he pulled out a gun during a confrontation with officers.

The chase started in the suburb of Garland and continued until the wreck off Interstate 30 in Dallas. The suspect died at the scene, police said.

Dallas detectives are investigating the incident and Garland Police are conducting an internal affairs investigation. Two Garland officers will be placed on paid administrative leave pending an outcome of the investigation.

## Fire chief chided for allowing wedding ride

**MA** REVERE — The mayor of Revere, Mass., has verbally reprimanded the fire chief for allowing a firefighter to ride a department ladder truck nine miles to his wedding.

The ride didn't cost the city money. The truck was out of service because of budget cuts and was driven by two off-duty firefighters who volunteered their time. The groom paid \$20 to cover fuel costs.

But Mayor Thomas Ambrosino told the Daily Item of Lynn that Chief Eugene Doherty "showed very poor judgment" in allowing firefighter Kevin O'Hara to ride the truck from Revere to the Nahant Country Club.

Doherty said department vehicles are often used for parades and other events and he allowed the ride because O'Hara is a good firefighter. But he acknowledges the nine-mile ride might have been a "stretch."

Stories and photos from wire services



Can't extinguish a tradition  
Members of Texas A&M's Walton Hall watch the off-campus Aggie Bonfire north of Bryan, Texas. In 1999, the bonfire structure collapsed, killing 12 students and alumni still hold the event without university support.

# Horoscope

It's the day before the full moon, and a great deal of tension has been building up. To make matters more interesting, Mercury in passionate Sagittarius squares Uranus in spiritual Pisces. People who do not share the same belief systems are likely to rub each other the wrong way or touch a nerve with their choice of conversation. Tread lightly.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 30)

From the outside, many aspects of your life appear the same, and yet your life is definitely different this year — happier. You are getting better at knowing what makes you feel good and sticking to it. Hard work and sweat are featured in December. February brings financial uplift. May offers travel and fun. Gemini and Pisces people adore you.

### Holiday Mathis



fork. You can't go down both paths, but know this: Either one you pick will turn out to be the right decision. Be confident and know all will be well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A step taken in pursuit of your dreams is a bold step indeed. When you think your efforts are wasted, you take stock and press on. You cannot give up, and you won't. What's more, you're closer than you think.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Travel is on your mind. And if you are planning into the far-off future, you'll get a deal, too. You are attracted to remote locations that don't usually appeal to the average tourist.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** How many times do you need to be told you're beautiful before you believe it? You light up a room with your smile, and if people aren't saying it to you, they're saying it to each other.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Be patient with yourself: The path you're on isn't an easy one, and you can't make it better by hurrying. Building the pyramids wasn't a weekend project. True success takes time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When you find something funny, don't hold back. Lose yourself in laughter. Hold the sides of your belly and laugh maybe even to the point of snorting. That's the way your heart hits the reset button.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Someone needs to give you a high-five. This work you've done really couldn't have been done any better, and the results just speak for themselves. Enjoy the adulation. If it hasn't come, it will.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** When you see something you like, it's normal for you to tell a friend, or all your friends. And lucky for them, you have great taste. Today you'll share a few tips and insights and enrich a few lives in the process.

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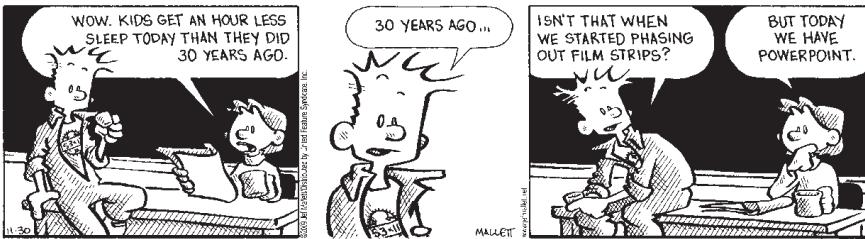
### Difficulty: Very Easy

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Yesterday's solution

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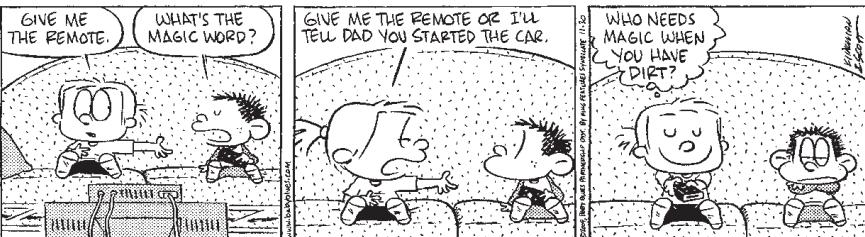
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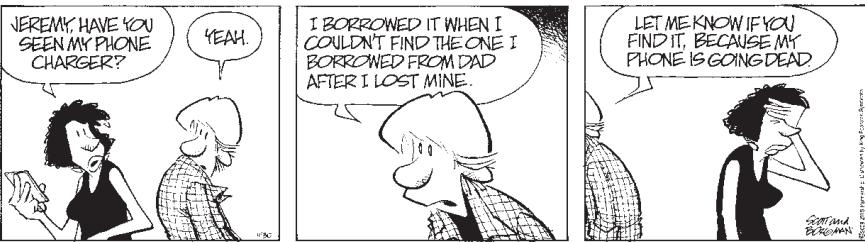
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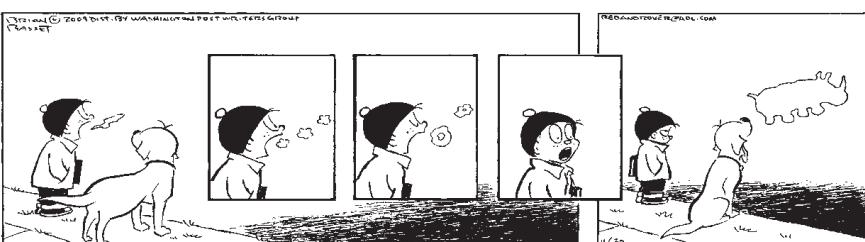
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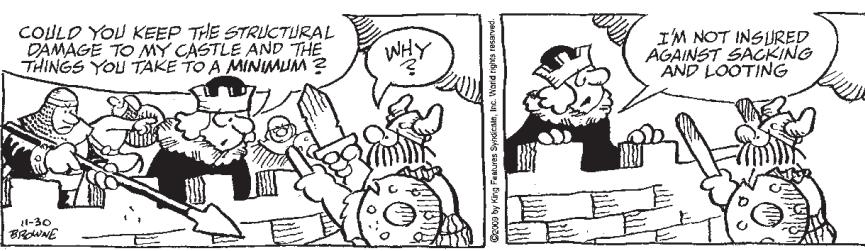
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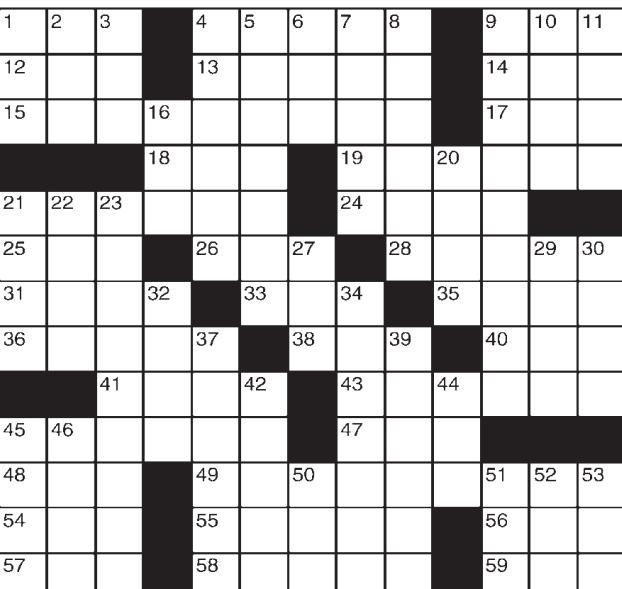
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Better or Worse



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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| 56 | Book spine abbr.    | 22 | Actress Sorvino        |
| 57 | Caustic solution    | 23 | It goes without saying |
| 58 | Decade parts        | 27 | Deity                  |
| 59 | Sweet potato        | 29 | Eastern potentate      |

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| 2 — de cologne     | 34 One given to mockery |
| 3 Omega preceder   | 37 Elbow room           |
| 4 Request          | 39 Impels               |
| 5 Bankrupt         | 42 The 400              |
| 6 Blackbird        | 44 "Phooey!"            |
| 7 Punctuation mark | 45 Rotary phone part    |
| 8 Colored ring     | 46 Ethereal             |
| 9 8 to 11, on TV   | 50 Gun lobby org.       |
| 10 Modern coin     | 51 Wall-climbing plant  |
| 11 "So be it"      | 52 Extinct bird         |
| 16 Western st.     | 53 "Slippery" tree      |
| 20 Street          |                         |

## **Answer to Previous Puzzle**



11-30

CRYPTOQUIP

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**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** WHAT MIGHT YOU NAME A DULL, NERDY PERSON WHO TAKES A VERY, VERY LONG NAP? DRIP VAN WINKLE

TODAY'S CRYPTOQUIP CLUE: L EQUALS Q

# Season cheer brings out Scrooges

**Dear Abby:** For 20 years I have gone to considerable thought and expense to carefully select nice holiday cards to send to a varied client base. I have tried to be considerate and sensitive to any cultural and religious differences.

My Christian friends wanted explicitly religious cards, the Hanukkah cards were not religious enough, and the middle-of-the-road "Season's Greetings" were termed "wimpy-washy secular." My own family is a feuding stew of different faiths.

It bothers me that a simple delivery of good wishes was met with such a resounding show of bad manners and ill will, and I see no point in continuing. My mother says I expect too much of people and that this will backfire. What say you?

— **Steamed in Van Nuys, Calif.**

Dear Steamed: I don't blame you for being offended. The com-

plainers were extremely rude. If you've sent cards only out of fear that if you didn't it would somehow "backfire," then you shouldn't have sent them. And if anyone is presumptuous enough to raise the subject, tell that person it's because your selection was criticized last year.

**Dear Abby:**



I'm a 43-year-old woman with one adopted 16-year-old child. I have never had children of my own, and I'd like to try again. My 44-year-old husband feels we're too old now. We have friends whose kids are having kids. Do you think we're too old?

— **Open-minded in Michigan**

Dear Open-minded: Yes, I do, but what I think doesn't matter. This is a subject you should discuss at length with your OB/GYN because a pregnancy at your age could be risky not only for you, but also your child.

**Dear Abby:** I am a single mother of a 7-year-old girl. Before we moved to a rural area, my daughter attended a private school where she flourished. However, after three years in public school here, she is struggling academically and her self-esteem has been challenged.

Every day I agonize over whether we ought to move or stay. I have a great job, wonderful friends and the lifestyle is comfortable. But the schools are awful.

I can't decide if we should move back to a larger city where there are more educational choices, or if we should remain here. Have you any thoughts on this?

— **Must Choose in Maryland**

Dear Must Choose: What's more important to you — your job, friends and lifestyle, or your daughter's future? Once you have answered that question, your choice will be easy.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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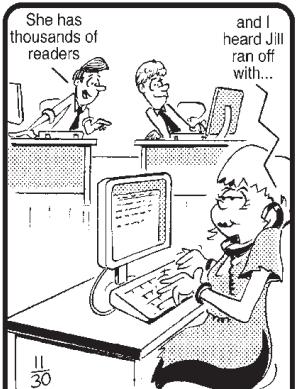
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Ans:



THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME  
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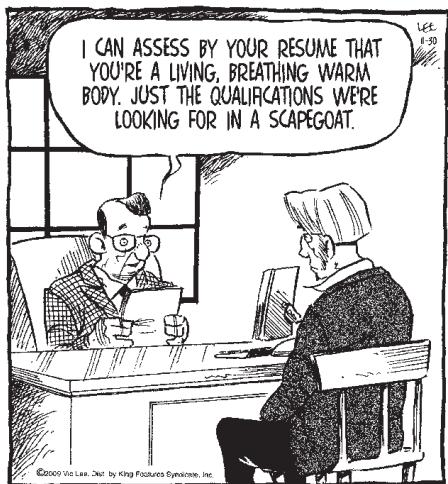
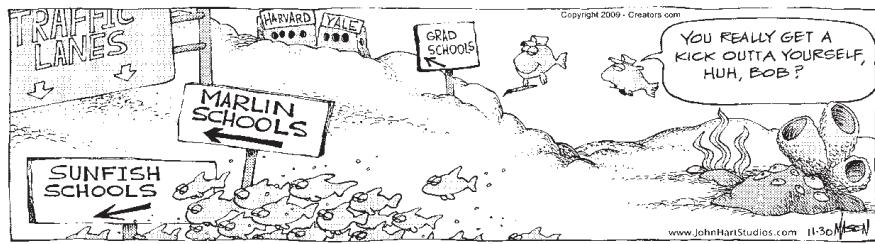
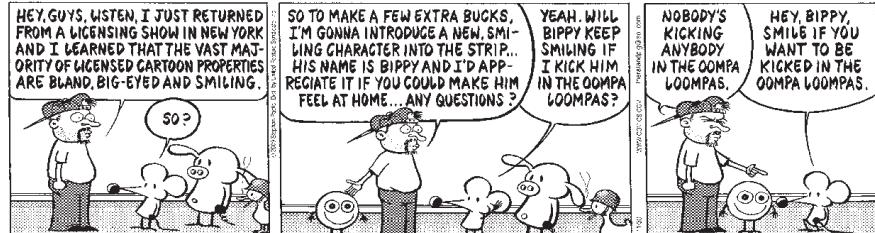
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Saturday's Jumbles: TRIPE PANSY HAUNCH INJECT  
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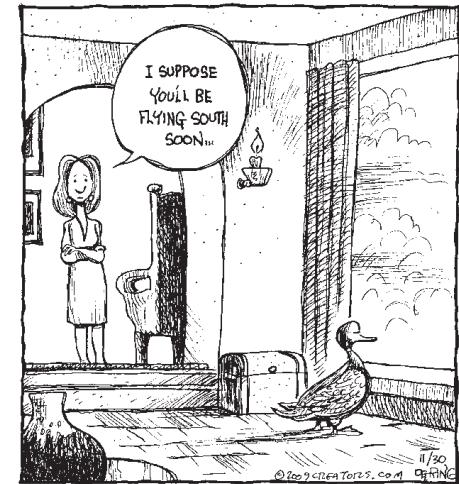
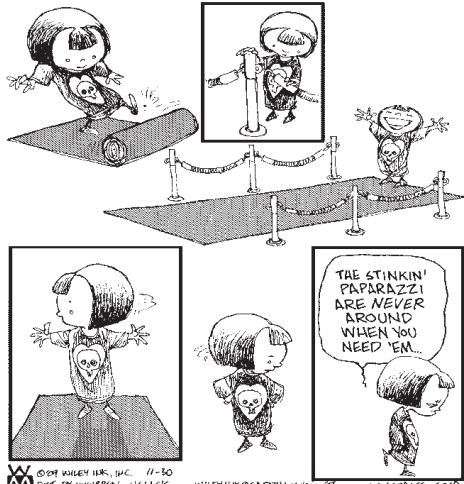
## Speed Bump



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	Washington Week	(2:25) Movie "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy)	(:10) Movie "Misery" (1990, Action)	Geraldo at Large	Man vs. Wild "Ring of Fire" (Part 2 of 2)	Recon Revisited	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	House Call	Be the Creature Mongoose	Bates. A psychotic fan holds an injured novelist captive.	Huckabee	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	Fit For Duty	Heroes The identity of the shooter is revealed.	SportsCenter	
16:00	Entertainers	adventures in Africa.		FOX Report	Survivor: Samoa	Week-Pentagon	King of the Hill	Sports	
16:30						Army Newswatch	That '70s Show		
17:00	In Touch-Dr	Movie "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy)	Rebecca De Mornay, Don Johnson, Stephen Lang.	CNN Sunday	The Chris Matthews Show	The Grill Sergeants	The National Parks: America's Best Idea		
17:30	Creflo Dollar Straight talk.	Vocies of Tom Hanks, Michael Jeter, Nona Gaye.			ESPN	USARJ This Week	Supernanny		
18:00	Love Worth Finding			Glenn Beck	20/20	Recon			
18:30	Crossing the Goal					FNG Useful benefits.			
19:00	Austin City Limits "Etta James"	So You Think You Can Dance	Movie "Failure to Launch" (2006, Romance-Comedy)			Frontline	Gossip Girl "The Ex-Files"	Mad Men "The Mountain King"	
19:30			Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker.				Battleground	Seinfeld "The Movie"	
20:00	MotorWeek	The Secret Life of the American Teenager					Recon Revisited	Friends	
20:30	At the Movies							Around the Services	
21:00	Digging for the Truth The ancient city of Tiwanaku.	Greek "Gays, Ghosts and Gamma Rays"	(8:55) Movie "Step Brothers" (2008, Comedy)					Dancing With the Stars	Outside the Lines
21:30			Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly.						Sports Reporters
22:00	Carrier "Rites of Passage"	Touched by an Angel							
22:30									
23:00	Man vs. Wild "Ring of Fire" (Part 2 of 2)	7th Heaven "Sunday"	The Rock, Steven Brand.	CBS News Sunday Morning					
23:30				Morning					

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

00:00	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	So You Think You Can Dance	(10:45) The Scorpion King Movie "The Green Berets" (1968, Drama) John Wayne, David Janssen, Jim Hutton. A cynical anti-war newsman is assigned to a career soldier.	CBS News Sunday Morning	Comics Unleashed	Around the Services	Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	Sports	(11:00) Sports
00:30			This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Face the Nation	Two and a Half Men	Around the Services	Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars		
1:00	Survivor: Samoa	The Secret Life of the American Teenager "Unforgiven"		This Week With George Stephanopoulos	NCIS The FBI suspects a mosque of terrorist recruitment.	Around the Services	Around the Services			
1:30				Meet the Press	Fit For Duty					
2:00	Sports	Greek "Gays, Ghosts and Gamma Rays"			Life "What They Saw"	The Benning Report				
2:30						The Grill Sergeants				
3:00				America's News HQ	20/20	VA News	24 "Day 6: 4:00AM - 5:00AM; Day 6: 5:00AM - 6:00AM"		Sports	
3:30						This Week in the Pentagon	NUMB3RS "Nine Wives"			
4:00				Amanpour.	In Plain Sight "Training Video"	Balad and Beyond				
4:30						FNG Useful benefits.				
5:00				Your Money	Gossip Girl "The Ex-Files"	Battleground	Namaste Yoga			
5:30						Today's Air Force	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad			
6:00	Sports	Teletubbies The number two. Rolie Polie Olie	(-10) Movie "Step Brothers" (2008) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.	America's News HQ	Good Morning America	Recon	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives			
6:30						The American Veteran	Paula's Home Cooking			
7:00				Entertainers	Fareed Zakaria GPS	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	USARJ This Week	E! News Entertainment news.		
7:30						Sesame Street	This Week in the Pentagon			
8:00						Army Newswatch	ER Abby's overbearing mother arrives; Neela gets drunk.			
8:30										
9:00	Sports	Johnny and the Sprites Hi-5 "Colors: Animals"	Movie "Killing Mr. Griffin" (1997, Drama) Jay Thomas, Mario Lopez, Amy Jo Johnson.	FOX Report	The View	Fit For Duty	Desperate Housewives "There's Always a Woman"			
9:30			Peep and Big Wide			Around the Services				
10:00			Super Why!	State of the Union With John King	Dr. Phil		Grey's Anatomy "Brave New World"			(:15) Sports
10:30			Movie "Pocahontas" (1995, Fantasy) Voices of Irene Bedard, Judy Kuhn, Mel Gibson.	Hannity	The Dr. Oz Show	Fit For Duty	Judge Judy			
11:00						FNG Useful benefits.	Judge Alex			
11:30				Newsroom	Access Hollywood	This Week in the Pentagon	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Scuba Doobie-Doo"			
12:00	Sports	Dora the Explorer	(-10) Movie "Mumford" (1999, Comedy) Loren Dean, Hope Davis, Jason Lee. A man poses as a psychologist in a small town.			The King of Queens				
12:30						Fit For Duty				
13:00	This Week	Raggs	(12:50) Movie "A Walk in the Clouds" (1995) Keanu Reeves. Two people fall in love while pretending to be married.	Huckabee	The Young and the Restless	Battleground	Feasting on Asphalt "Fry Me a River" Mississippi.			
13:30			Bear in the Big Blue House			EXchange on Air				
14:00	Meet the Press	Sesame Street		Larry King Live	General Hospital	Briefing Encore	Good Eats Staging a variety show.			
14:30						Downrange				
15:00	Wall Street Journal Report	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Speed" (1994) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. A transit bus is wired to explode if it drops below 50 mph.	60 Minutes	Days of our Lives	FNG Useful benefits.	Designers' Challenge			
15:30	ESPN	Planet's Funniest Animals	(3:50) Pokémon			Recon	The Soup			
16:00	Sesame Street		(40) Zatch Bell	State of the Union With John King	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Water Stun Gun" Electric stun gun myth.			SportsCenter
16:30						Battleground				
17:00	The View		(:05) The Fairly OddParents "Family Guy"	This Week in the Pentagon	Wheel of Fortune	Tour of Duty	King of the Hill			
17:30				Up to the Minute	Jeopardy!	This Week in the Pentagon	That '70s Show			
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants				VA News	Saturday Night Live Just Game Show Parodies			
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight			Around the Services	Downrange			
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	iCarly "I Saw Him First"	Movie "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow. A billionaire dons an armored suit to fight criminals.	Face the Nation	60 Minutes	EXchange on Air	The Amazing Race 15 One team takes a four-hour penalty.			
19:30						Army Newswatch	Warehouse 13 "Claudia" Artie is kidnapped by a woman.			
20:00	Access Hollywood	Smallville "Lara"	(20) Movie "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy party crashes with her serious-minded sister.	Fox and Friends First	NCIS A security breach results in the death of an ICE agent.	Briefing Encore				
20:30		The King of Queens				Fit For Duty				
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Heartbreaker"	(20) Movie "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy party crashes with her serious-minded sister.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Fringe "The No-Brainer"			
21:30						Recon				
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation								
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey								
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Back in the Saddle Again"								
23:30										

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	iCarly "I Saw Him First"	(11:45) Movie "Face/Off" (1997, Action) John Travolta, Nicolas Cage. An FBI agent and a violent terrorist switch identities.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon			
00:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody	(1997, Action) John Travolta, Nicolas Cage. An FBI agent and a violent terrorist switch identities.	MSNBC Live	The Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange	Pacific Report	Criminal Minds "In Birth and Death"		
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Smallville "Lara"			Judge Judy					
1:30	Jeopardy!				Happening Now	House "Unfaithful"	The Grill Sergeants	NCIS "Cover Story"		
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Heartbreaker"					Around the Services			
2:30	ATS/AFN Report		(-15) Movie "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow. A billionaire dons an armored suit to fight criminals.							
3:00	60 Minutes	Degrassi: Next Generation	(-35) Movie "In Her Shoes" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	October Road "Hat? No Hat?"			
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	All Hands TV				
4:00	NCIS A security breach results in the death of an ICE agent.	7th Heaven "Back in the Saddle Again"								
4:30										
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies Standing.		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga			
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie				Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	

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**AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m.**—College football: Grambling vs. Southern at New Orleans (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—College football: Missouri at Kansas (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m.**—Boxing: Lucian Bute vs. Librado Andrade for Bute's IBF super-middleweight title at Quebec City (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.**—College basketball: LaSalle at Villanova (dld).

### Monday

**AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Washington at Philadelphia.

**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Indianapolis at Houston.

**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Cleveland at Cincinnati.

**AFN-Atlantic, 6 a.m.**—NFL: Arizona at Tennessee.

**AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.**—NFL: Chicago at Minnesota.

**AFN-Xtra, 6 a.m.**—NFL: Jacksonville at San Francisco.

**AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.**—Golf: Mission Hills World Cup, final round (dld; joined in progress).

**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—NBA: Houston at Oklahoma City.

**AFN-Sports, 10:15 a.m.**—NFL: Pittsburgh at Baltimore.

**AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.**—NBA: New Jersey at L.A. Lakers.

**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**—Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals, singles championship (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 5:30 p.m.**—CFL playoffs: 97th Grey Cup, Montreal vs. Saskatchewan at Calgary, Alberta (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.**—College basketball: Teams TBD (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, midnight**—NFL: Kansas City at San Diego (dld).

### Tuesday

**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Pittsburgh at Baltimore (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—NHL: Buffalo at Toronto.

**AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.**—NFL: New England at New Orleans.

**AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Indiana at Golden State.

**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Philadelphia at Dallas (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NFL: New England at New Orleans (dld).

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New England	5	5	0	.500	242	244
Miami	4	6	0	.400	213	189
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	155	228

##### South

	10	0	0	.1000	269	157
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	199	235
Jacksonville	5	5	0	.500	232	208
Houston	4	6	0	.400	209	272

##### North

	7	3	0	.700	215	167
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	231	184
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	237	171
Baltimore	1	9	0	.100	115	263

##### West

	7	3	0	.700	269	205
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	196	189
Denver	4	6	0	.400	193	239
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	169	239
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	115	258

##### National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	255	182
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	266	204
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	272	261
Washington	3	7	0	.300	146	178

##### East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	0	0	1.000	369	204
Atlanta	5	5	0	.500	252	228
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	193	239
Tampa Bay	1	9	0	.100	164	294

##### South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	1	0	.900	306	193
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	296	215
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	206	225
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	193	270

##### West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	3	0	.700	250	197
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	208	210
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	196	233
St. Louis	1	9	0	.100	113	270

##### Thursday's games

Green Bay 34, Detroit 12

Dallas 24, Oakland 7

Denver 26, N.Y. Giants 6

##### Sunday's games

Miami at Buffalo

Carolina at N.Y. Jets

Seattle at St. Louis

Tampa Bay at Atlanta

Indianapolis at Cincinnati

Washington at Philadelphia

Kansas City at San Diego

Jacksonville at San Francisco

Arizona at Tennessee

Chicago at Minnesota

Pittsburgh at Baltimore

##### Monday's game

New England at New Orleans

## College football

### Friday's scores

#### EAST

West Virginia 19, Pittsburgh 16

#### SOUTH

Alabama 26, Auburn 21

#### MIDWEST

Akron 28, E. Michigan 21

#### SOUTHWEST

Tulsa 33, Memphis 30, OT

#### FAR WEST

Boise St. 44, Nevada 33

Wyoming 17, Colorado 16

Alaska 20, Idaho 17

Utah 20, Oregon 17

Washington 20, Stanford 16

Arizona 20, Oregon 17

Arkansas 20, Texas 17

Mississippi 20, Louisiana 17

Arkansas 20, Mississippi 17

**NBA roundup**

# Nets fall flat, close in on futility record

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — With a matchup against the world champion Los Angeles Lakers on deck, it seemed as if the only way the New Jersey Nets could avoid matching an NBA record for futility to start a season was by winning in Sacramento.

So the Nets promptly came out and fell behind by 22 points in the first half on the way to their 16th straight loss to open the season, a 109-96 defeat to the Kings that left New Jersey one loss shy of tying the worst record ever.

"We cheated the game in the first half," coach Lawrence Frank said. "I take full responsibility that we can't play 48 minutes and have the intent from beginning to end, especially in the situation that we're in."

After losing to the team that had the worst record in the NBA a season ago, the Nets need to beat the Lakers on Sunday at Los Angeles to avoid matching the record for futility set by the expansion Miami Heat (1988-89) and matched by the Los Angeles Clippers (1999). The potential record-setter would come at home against Dallas on Wednesday.

"It doesn't matter who we have from here on out," guard Devin Harris said. "We have to come out with the same type of intensity we had in the second half no matter if it's the Lakers or the Knicks. We have to treat everybody the same and come out with a decent effort. Yeah they're the defending champions, but they can be beat. If we give the effort we need to, we'll keep ourselves in the game."

The Nets failed to do that in the first half against Sacramento, falling behind by 22 points in the second quarter. The Kings shot 59 percent in the first half, getting to the basket with ease and out-rebounding New Jersey 26-8 at one point in the second quarter.

Rookie Tyreke Evans had 21 points and eight rebounds, and Beno Udrih also scored 21 for Sacramento, which never trailed on its way to winning back-to-back games following a four-game losing streak.

Brook Lopez had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Harris scored 25 points on 6-of-22 shooting for the Nets.

**Nuggets 128, Knicks 125:** Carmelo Anthony scored a career-high 50 points in Denver's 17th straight regular-season home victory. Al Harrington had 41 points, one shy of his career high, as the Knicks lost their fourth straight.

Anthony scored 13 points in the third quarter, helping the Nuggets take a 92-87 lead into the final period.

**Wizards 94, Heat 84:** At Miami, Antawn Jamison scored 24 points and Nick Young 22 as Washington beat Miami for the first time in seven tries.

**Bobcats 94, Cavaliers 87:** Gerald Wallace had 31 points and 14 rebounds while outplaying

LeBron James, and visiting Cleveland looked disjointed in Shaquille O'Neal's return from injury.

**Hawks 100, 76ers 86:** Jamal Crawford scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and Mike Bibby added 21 as visiting Atlanta snapped a two-game losing streak.

**Celtics 116, Raptors 103:** At Boston, Ray Allen scored 20 points and Paul Pierce and Kendrick Perkins 18 apiece as Boston won three in a row for the first time since opening the season with six straight victories. Rasheed Wallace scored 15 points as a reserve, hitting three of his first four three-point attempts.

**Clippers 104, Pistons 96:** Chris Kaman scored 26 points and Baron Davis 25 to help Los Angeles to a road victory and end a 13-game losing streak against the Pistons.

Al Thornton scored 12 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, including consecutive baskets midway through the period to give the Clippers the lead for good.

**Mavericks 113, Pacers 92:** Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points in Dallas' fifth straight road victory.

Indiana guard Mike Dunleavy returned from a right knee injury and scored 13 in his season debut.

**Spurs 92, Rockets 84:** Tim Duncan had 21 points and 12 rebounds, Antonio McDyess had 15 points and 14 rebounds and Tony Parker had 19 points and seven assists as San Antonio won its first road game in five tries.

Luis Scola had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Houston, which shot 36 percent from the field (33-of-92) and had a season-low point total.

**Suns 120, Timberwolves 95:**

Jason Richardson scored 22 points to help Phoenix send host Minnesota to its 15th straight loss. Steve Nash had nine points and 11 assists and Grant Hill had 17 points and five assists for the Suns, whose 13-3 record is best in the NBA.

Ramon Sessions had 23 points and Jonny Flynn had 18 points and six assists for the Timberwolves, who are one loss away from tying the franchise record for consecutive defeats.

**Thunder 108, Bucks 90:**

Kevin Durant had 33 points and 12 rebounds and Russell Westbrook outplayed rookie Brandon Jennings for host Oklahoma City.

Westbrook scored nine of his 20 points during a 17-0 run over the first 6½ minutes of the second half. He also helped hold Jennings to 3-of-11 shooting and 12 points, 11.4 below his average.

Before a capacity crowd, the Thunder began a season-high, five-game homestand with their sixth victory in nine games.

Carlos Delfino and Hakim Warrick each had 15 for Milwaukee.

**Grizzlies 106, Trail Blazers 96:**

Zach Randolph scored 21 points and Marc Gasol and O.J. Mayo 19 each as visiting Memphis withstood a second-half rally.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

#### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	4	.750	—
Toronto	7	10	.412	5½
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	7
New York	3	13	.188	9
New Jersey	0	16	.000	12

#### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	12	4	.750	—
Orlando	12	4	.750	—
Miami	9	6	.600	2½
Charlotte	6	9	.400	5½
Washington	5	9	.357	6

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	5	.688	—
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	2
Chicago	6	8	.429	4
Indiana	6	8	.429	4
Detroit	5	11	.313	6

### Western Conference

#### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	12	4	.750	—
San Antonio	8	6	.571	3
Houston	8	8	.500	4
New Orleans	7	9	.438	5
Memphis	6	10	.375	6

#### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	12	4	.750	—
Portland	12	6	.667	1
Oklahoma City	9	7	.563	3
Utah	8	7	.533	3½
Minnesota	1	15	.063	11

#### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	3	.813	—
L.A. Lakers	11	3	.786	1
Sacramento	7	8	.467	5½
L.A. Clippers	7	10	.412	6½
Golden State	5	9	.357	7

#### Friday's games

Washington 94, Miami 84

Charlotte 94, Cleveland 87

Atlanta 100, Philadelphia 86

Boston 116, Toronto 103

Dallas 113, Indiana 92

L.A. Clippers 104, Detroit 96

San Antonio 92, Houston 84

Denver 128, New York 125

Oklahoma City 108, Milwaukee 90

Phoenix 120, Minnesota 95

Sacramento 109, New Jersey 96

Memphis 106, Portland 96

Saturday's games

Charlotte at Washington

Dallas at Cleveland

Portland at Utah

Orlando at Milwaukee

L.A. Lakers at Golden State

Sunday's games

Phoenix at Toronto

Atlanta at Detroit

Memphis at L.A. Clippers

Orlando at New York

Boston at Miami

Philadelphia at San Antonio

Houston at Oklahoma City

Minnesota at Denver

New Orleans at Sacramento

New Jersey at L.A. Lakers

Monday's games

Chicago at Milwaukee

Philadelphia at Dallas

Memphis at Utah

Indiana at Golden State

#### Friday

#### Hawks 100, 76ers 86

**ATLANTA** — M.Williams 1-4 2-2 4, Jos. Smith 9-18 2-5 20, Horford 5-10 5-6 5-15, Bibby 8-14 0-0 21, Johnson 3-8 2-9 2-4, J. Smith 1-0-2, Crawford 9-14 3-4 24, Evans 0-2 1-2, Teague 2-3 0-0 4, Pachulia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-74 15-20 100.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Young 9-13 1-2 22, JaSmith 7-13 0-0 4, DaLeonte 2-4 0-2, Holiday 1-8 0-0 2, Iguodala 7-18 1-2 16, Kapono 3-6 0-0 8, Green 3-8 0-0 7, Carney 3-6 6-13. Totals 35-78 18-11 86.

**ATLANTA** — 26 20 29 25-100

**PHILADELPHIA** — 23 18 25 20-86

**Three-Point Goals**—Atlanta 9-18

(Bibby 5-7, Crawford 3-6, Johnson 1-2,

Evans 1-0-1, M.Williams 0-1-0, Teague 0-1-

Smith 0-2 1-2, Holiday 0-0 0-0, Iguodala 0-0 0-0, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Carney 0-0 0-0 0, Pachulia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 49-92 22-31 100.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Anthony 17-28 15-16 50, Martin 4-11 0-0 8, Nené 4-7 1-2 9, Billups 9-17 10-14 3-2, Afflalo 2-4 0-0 5, Andersen 2-3 1-1 5, Smith 6-11 1-2 17, Lawson 1-3 0-2. Totals 45-84 28-35 128.

**NEW YORK** — 30 30 27 38-125

**DENVER** — 26 25 31 35-128

**Three-Point Goals**—New York 13-31

(Harrington 4-8, Hughes 3-5, Dullea 3-8,

Chandler 2-3, Robinson 1-3, Gallinari 0-4,

Denver 10-19 (Smith 4-6, Billups 4-8, Afllalo 1-1, Anthony 1-4), Fouled Out—Martin,

Rebounds—New York 4 (Lee 1-1, Harrington 10), Denver 54 (Nene, Martin 11).

Assists—New York 30 (Hughes 9), Denver 30 (Billups 8). Total Fouls—New York 25, Denver 25. Technicals—Harrington, New York defensive three second, Denver defensive three second. A-19,155 (19,155).

#### Saturday

**SPURS 92, ROCKETS 84**

**SAN ANTONIO** — Jefferson 1-5 7-7 9, Duncan 8-17 5-6 21, McDyess 6-11 3-4 5-14, Parker 8-18 3-6 19, Bogans 0-3 2-4 2-2, Bonner 1-2 0-0 2, Firey 2-3 0-0 4, Blair 3-4 1-1, Mason 2-4 0-0 6, Hill 1-4 5-6 5-10, Hairston 0-0 0-0, Ratliff 0-0 0-0. Totals 32-71 32-26 100.

**HOU 18 26 24 24-92**

**Houston** — Battier 0-0 0-0 0, Scolla 2-0, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 5-16 1-1 2, Ariza 6-21 1-4 17, Lowry 2-6 5-6 10, Landry 5-13 3-3 13, Budinger 4-8 0-0 9, Anderson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 33-92 10-14 84.

**SAN ANTONIO** — 18 26 24 24-92

**Houston** — 23 23 12 26-84

**Three-Point Goals**—San Antonio 2-

(Mason 2-2, Bonner 0-1, Bogans 0-2),

Houston 8-18 (Ariza 4-6, Lowry 1-2, An-

derson 1-2, Budinger 1-3, Brooks 1-4, Bat-

tier 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—

San Antonio 58 (McDyess 14), Houston 10-

52 (Scolla 12). Assists—San Antonio 14 (Parker 7), Houston 18 (Ariza 5). Total Fouls—San Antonio 19, Houston 27. A-18,164 (18,043).

#### Sunday

**Clippers 104, Pistons 96**

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Thornton 8-12 3-5 19, Camby 3-7 1-1 7, Kaman 11-13 4-6 26, Davis 6-9 11-11 25, Butler 3-7 2-2 8, E.Gordon 4-11 6-9 14, Smith 2-2 1-1 5, Novak 0-0 0-0 0, Telfair 2-0 0-0 0, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, R.Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-63 28-35 104.

**DETROIT** — Jerebko 8-11 2-3 22, Villaneuve 5-15 0-0 11, Wallace 2-4 1-1 5, Stuckey 10-24 1-2 21, Daye 4-11 4-6 13, Maxell 2-4 2-6, Bynum 4-17 5-6 14, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Summers 0-1 0-0 0, Atkins 1-4 1-2 4. Totals 36-91 16-22 96.

**D.L. CLIPPERS** — 27 20 29 30-104

**Detroit** — 27 27 21 21-96

**Three-Point Goals**—L.A. Clippers 2-10

(Davis 2-3, Butler 0-2, E.Gordon 0-5),

Detroit 8-17 (Jerebko 4-4, Atkins 1-2, By-

num 1-2, Daye 1-2, Villaneuve 1-6, Stuckey 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Jerebko 5-17, Stuckey 5-17, Bynum 4-17 5-6 14, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Summers 0-1 0-0 0, Atkins 1-4 1-2 4. Totals 42-87 18-36 104.

**DETROIT** — Jerebko 8-11 2-3 22, Villaneuve 5-15 0-0 11, Wallace 2-4 1-1 5, Stuckey 10-24 1-2 21, Daye 4-11 4-6 13, Maxell 2-4 2-6, Bynum 4-17 5-6 14, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Summers 0-1 0-0 0, Atkins 1-4 1-2 4. Totals 42-87 18-36 104.

**DETROIT** — 27 20 29 30-104

**Detroit** — 27 27 21 21-96

**Three-Point Goals**—L.A. Clippers 2-10



## College basketball roundup

# Purdue shows it can win with 'D'

The Associated Press

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.** — E'Twaun Moore scored 15 points and Robbie Hummel had 11 points and 11 rebounds, leading No. 6 Purdue's 64-38 rout of Central Michigan on Saturday.

It certainly wasn't the kind of performance fans of the Boilermakers (5-0) expected after beating Tennessee earlier this week, though. Purdue's offense looked stale after a four-day layoff, shooting just 40.9 percent from the field in the first half and 31.2 percent for the game from three-point range.

Purdue still brought enough defensive tenacity to handle Central Michigan. The Chippewas went four long stretches without a basket — spans consuming 6 minutes, 26 seconds, 8:10, 5:17 and 6:41. They shot just 28 percent from the field.

That combination was too much for the Chippewas.

Finis Craddock had eight points for Central Michigan (2-4), the Mid-American Conference West Division co-champ last season and the preseason pick to repeat.

Purdue used a 9-0 run to build an 18-8 lead, then took control late in the half by forcing four straight turnovers and outscoring the Chippewas 11-0 over the last 5:53 to make it 29-14.

Things got no better in the second half for the Chippewas after closing to 29-17 with 17:58 to play. Purdue pushed the lead to 36-20, then went on a 10-0 run later in the half and didn't let Central Michigan get closer than 19 thereafter.

**No. 18 Georgetown 97, Lafayette 64:** At Washington, D.C., Jason Clark scored 19 points and

freshman Hollis Thompson contributed 16 to Georgetown's rout.

Chris Wright added 14 for the Hoyas (4-0), who had six players score in double figures. Greg Monroe had 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists; Austin Freeman scored 12 and Julian Vaughn finished with 11 points. Clark added six rebounds and five assists.

Thompson, who had just one basket through Georgetown's first three games, hit all six shots he attempted, including four three-pointers.

The Leopards (4-2) were led by Jared Mintz with 16 points. Jim Mower had 12.

In Friday games:

**No. 7 Duke 68, No. 13 Connecticut 59:** Duke and coach Mike Krzyzewski won another NIT Season Tip-Off, beating Connecticut and coach Jim Calhoun.

The Hall of Fame coaches set a record for career victories in a game; Krzyzewski has 839, fourth on the career list, and Calhoun 809, good for sixth place.

Duke (6-0) dominated the Huskies (4-1) in every category in extending its winning streak in the tournament to 12 games with its third straight title (2000, 2005) and fourth overall (1985).

The victory snapped Connecticut's four-game winning streak in the series with the last two victories coming in Final Fours — the 1999 national championship game and the 2004 semifinals.

Tournament MVP Jon Scheyer had 19 points to lead Duke, which has won five straight and 12 of 13 at Madison Square Garden, and 22 straight in November.

Nolan Smith had 16 points and Lance Thomas added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Duke.

**No. 1 Kansas 112, Tennessee Tech 75:** Tyshawn Taylor scored 18 points and Cole Aldrich had 14 points and 10 rebounds as host Kansas (5-0) extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 45 games. Kansas built a 22-point halftime lead and shot 61 percent. Xavier Henry had 15 points and Sherron Collins 12.

**Florida 77, No. 2 Michigan State 74:** At Atlantic City, N.J., Erving Walker hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 1:56 left and Florida hung on to advance to the championship game of the Legends Classic. Walker finished with 12 points for the Gators (5-0).

Durrell Summers missed two three-point attempts in the final minute as the Spartans (4-1) missed a chance to give coach Tom Izzo a record 341 victories at the school. Izzo is tied with his mentor, Jud Heathcote.

**No. 8 West Virginia 73, Texas A&M 66:** At Anaheim, Calif., Da'Sean Butler scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half, and also had five rebounds and five assists as the Mountaineers (4-0) advanced to Sunday's tournament final. Reserve Devin Ebanks scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Darryl Bryant chipped in with 12 points.

B.J. Holmes and Donald Sloan scored 18 points apiece for the Aggies (5-1).

**No. 9 Tennessee 86, College of Charleston 69:** Scotty Hopson scored 21 points and Tyler Smith 18 for host Tennessee. Charleston (1-3) stayed close by going 10-of-17 from three-point range, but Tennessee (5-1) put it away on a 9-0 run for a 76-61 lead with 6 minutes left.

Donovan Monroe led Charleston with 16 points.

**No. 10 Syracuse 85, Columbia 60:** Wes Johnson scored 26 points as host Syracuse gave coach Jim Boeheim his 805th victory, moving him past Eddie Sutton into seventh on the major college list.

Facing its second straight Ivy League opponent, Syracuse (6-0) struggled to pull away from the Lions (2-2) in the first half before dominating the second.

Noruru Agbo scored 22 points for Columbia.

**No. 12 Butler 69, UCLA 67:** At Anaheim, Calif., Gordon Hayward made two free throws with 0.6 seconds to play as Butler won a consolation game in the 76 Classic.

Shelvin Mack scored a season-high 21 points for the Bulldogs (4-1). Hayward finished with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Nicola Dragovic had 14 points and six rebounds for the Bruins (2-3), who had three players foul out. Malcolm Lee added 11 points and four assists.

UCLA, which trailed by nine points with 9:58 remaining, tied it at 67 on Jerime Anderson's three-point shot with 8.6 seconds left.

On the ensuing possession, Hayward drove the lane and drew a foul from Michael Roll.

After Hayward made both free throws, he intercepted Anderson's long inbound pass intended for Dragovic as time expired.

**Marquette 79, No. 15 Michigan 65:** At Orlando, Fla., Lazar Hayward scored 22 points and Jimmy Butler 17 as Marquette (6-0) advanced to the Old Spice Classic title game. Darius Johnson-Odom added 14 points.

Michigan (3-1) got 22 points from Manny Harris.

**No. 19 Clemson 87, Long**

**Beach State 79:** At Anaheim, Calif., Tanner Smith scored 17 points and Demontez Stitt had 16 points and five assists as Clemson (5-1) won a consolation game in the 76 Classic. Andre Young had 13 points and Trevor Booker 12 points and seven rebounds for the Tigers, who shot 57.6 percent.

T.J. Robinson had 25 points and 15 rebounds for the 49ers (3-3).

**Utah 60, No. 20 Illinois 58:** At Las Vegas, Shawn Glover banked home a runner in the lane at the buzzer, completing Utah's rally from a 16-point halftime deficit to a berth in the title game of the Las Vegas Invitational. Jay Watkins passed to Glover after rebounding a miss by Demetri McCamey with 4 seconds left.

McCamay led Illinois with 19 points and seven rebounds and Mike Tisdale added 18 points.

Luka Drca scored 14 of his 16 points during Utah's rally.

**Portland 61, No. 22 Minnesota 56:** At Anaheim, Calif., T.J. Campbell scored 23 points to lead Portland into the championship game of the 76 Classic.

Robin Smeulders added 13 points and Nik Raivio grabbed a season-best 11 rebounds for the Pilots (5-0).

Al Nolen scored 13 points for the Golden Gophers (3-1).

**Northwestern 72, No. 23 Notre Dame 58:** At Chicago, John Shurna scored 25 points and freshman Alex Marcotullio made two key three-pointers in the second half as Northwestern (4-1) advanced to the final of the Chicago Invitational Challenge.

Luke Harangody led Notre Dame (5-1) with 21 points.

## Okinawa teams learn on the fly

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

TAI TAM, Hong Kong — Be they novice or experienced, all four Okinawa teams took a little something home from last week's 40th Hong Kong International School Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Kadena's and Kubasaki's boys and girls teams went up against some of the best American and international teams East Asia has to offer, getting solid competition from teams they rarely see and building up their teams in the early part of the season, coaches said.

"It's great. Every year, we look forward to coming here," coach Robert Bliss said. His Kadena boys, who got 24 points from tournament MVP Taiyo Robertson, beat host Hong Kong International 81-65 in Saturday's final, leading by as many as 25 points in the second half.

Faith Academy, behind MVP Kelly Hardeman, won the girls title for the second straight year, holding off a late charge to beat

Heep Yunn of Hong Kong 64-61.

Programs such as Hong Kong, 10-time Far East boys champion Faith Academy and Southeast Asian power Singapore American can provide the Panthers "good, quality opposition," Bliss said.

"The Okinawa teams are great, but it seems we don't get many games against top teams. We like this tournament for a lot of reasons."

One of them, said coach Jon Fick of fifth-place Kubasaki, is how the tournament provides "a big measuring stick to see where we are. A lot of teams here are in midseason, whereas we're just starting out."

Kubasaki lost to defending Far East Class AA champion St. Mary's 90-73 on Friday, then won a rematch 75-70 to take fifth place.

Kubasaki gets different looks that help Fick and his boys prepare for the regular season and the Far East tournament in February at Yokota High School, Fick said. "You see a variety of styles that help prepare you," he said.

While Kadena's and Kubasaki's boys enjoyed relative success, the girls teams, each young and rebuilding, struggled a bit while using the tournament as a sort of baptism of fire, coaches said.

"The girls learned about some of their roles and how to prevent mistakes in preparing for Far East," Dewayne Pigge of Kadena said. "This tournament is a great opportunity, a great fine-tuning. We had a rough start, but I can see the progress and improvement."

His Panthers lost a heartbreaker Saturday 69-67 to Kubasaki, which boosted the Dragons into the fifth-place game and left Kadena out of the running for a placement trophy for the first time since 2001. Dragons first-year coach Stephanie Davis said her charges made progress similar to Kadena's girls.

"They started to learn how to gel, about chemistry, how to talk on the court, about themselves and how they fit in the team dynamic," Davis said. Her Dragons lost the fifth-place game 68-45 to Hong Kong.

## High school scoreboard

### Basketball

**40th Hong Kong International School Holiday Basketball Tournament**

**At Tai Tam, Hong Kong**

**Boys single-elimination playoffs**

**Saturday's games**

Kadena 94, Taipei American 52

Kubasaki 92, Seoul Foreign 51

Hong Kong International 79, Singapore American 75, OT

St. Mary's 64, Faith Academy 55

Singapore American 72, Taipei American 68

Kubasaki 75, St. Mary's 70

Kadena 81, Hong Kong International 65

Awards

**Most Valuable Player** — Taiyo Robertson, Kadena

**All-Tournament team** — Taiyo Robertson, Jason Sumpter, Kadena; Thomas Strandemo, Adam Xu, Hong Kong International; Willis Wan, Taipei American; Marc Wilson, Singapore American; John McCleene Jr., Faith Academy; Gal Tesler, Seoul Foreign; Kai Yamaguchi, Kubasaki; Toni Taniguchi, St. Mary's International.

**Saturday's summaries**

Kadena 94, Taipei American 52

Taipei 16 13 18 5-52

Kadena 28 18 21 27-94

**Scoring** — Kadena, Jeremy Howell 18,

Jason Sumpter 17, Taiyo Robertson 13,

L.J. Hubbard 10, Skylar Warren 10.

Kubasaki 92, Seoul Foreign 51

SFS 13 7 16 15-51

Kubasaki 28 22 21 21-92

**Scoring** — Kubasaki, Kai Yamaguchi 17,

Kentrell Key 16, Gary Whitaker 11, Dionte 11, Seoul Foreign, Gal Tesler 20.

Kubasaki 75, St. Mary's International 70

St. Mary's 18 17 16 19-70

Kubasaki 17 15 28 15-75

**Scoring** — Kubasaki, Kai Yamaguchi 16,

Kentrell Key 14, Dionte Watie 12;

St. Mary's International, Toni Taniguchi 27,

Yuta Kobayashi 13, Shumuski Kuriyama 11.

**Kadena 81, Hong Kong International 65**

**Hong Kong** 12 17 12 24-65

**Kadena** 25 21 17 18-81

**Scoring** — Kadena, Taiyo Robertson 24 (4 three-point goals); Kevin Paranal 19 (10 first quarter), Jason Sumpter 14; Hong Kong International, Zach Carlson 17, Adam Xu 14 (second half), Thomas Strandemo 10 (7 second quarter).

**Girls single-elimination playoffs**

**Saturday's games**

Heep Yunn 53, Singapore American 49

Hong Kong International 63, Seoul Foreign 15

Faith Academy 72, Taipei American 59

Kubasaki 69, Kadena 67

Singapore American 63, Taipei American 47

Hong Kong International 68, Kubasaki 45

Faith Academy 64, Heep Yunn 61

**Awards**

**Most Valuable Player** — Kelly Hardeman, Faith Academy.

**All-Tournament team** — Sarah Parshall, Kelly Hardeman, Faith Academy; Rachel Li, Pinky Sze, Heep Yunn; Madeline Strandemo, Hong Kong International; Michelle Bywater, Singapore American; Gabby Falco, Kubasaki; Natalia Jennings, Seoul Foreign; Jessica Huang, Taipei American; Maria Vaughan, Kadena.

**Saturday's summaries**

Kubasaki 69, Kadena 67

**Kubasaki** 15 24 19 11-69

**Kadena** 28 11 2 26-67

**Scoring** — Kubasaki, Gabby Falco 44 (27 first half); Kadena, Anissa Fitz 30 (16 fourth quarter), Desirae Seals 15 (first quarter).

**Noteworthy** — Christelle Abello hit two foul shots with 3 seconds left to win.

**Hong Kong International 68, Kubasaki 45**

**Hong Kong** 10 24 14 17-45

**Kubasaki** 17 26 20 5-68

**Scoring** — Hong Kong International, Madeline Strandemo 34 (first half), Stefanie Young 13; Kubasaki, Gabby Falco 20 (10 third quarter), Athena Wilbon 10.

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# RISKY BUSINESS



TONY DING/AP

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford gets tossed to the turf by Packers defensive tackle Johnny Jolly during the second quarter of Thursday's game.

By BARRY WILNER  
*The Associated Press*

Watching injured Detroit Lions rookie Matthew Stafford trying to do his job on Thanksgiving Day against Green Bay was painful. Even though it's his left, non-throwing shoulder that is bothering the top overall draft pick, his discomfort each time he threw a pass was evident.

It also was strong evidence that, for all those who have decried the NFL's efforts to safeguard quarterbacks as being too protective, the glamour position remains highly dangerous for its practitioners.

We're not only talking about inexperienced players such as Stafford, but last season's two Super Bowl QBs, Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and Arizona's Kurt Warner. Plus, the St. Louis Rams' Marc Bulger, the Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo, and even Roeth-

lisberger's backup, Charlie Batch. All were dinged, or worse, last weekend.

Although Romo rebounded from a sore back to throw for 309 yards in Thursday's victory over Oakland, he was ineffective last Sunday in a 7-6 triumph over Washington because he was playing hurt.

Bulger sustained several injuries, including a broken leg that might sideline him the rest of the way. Big Ben and Warner each suffered concussions, although both expect to play Sunday.

Batch is done for 2009 because of a broken wrist, even though he appeared for only a handful of plays.

Other starting QBs to be sidelined by injury at various points this season are Miami's Chad Pennington (right shoulder), gone for the duration; Buffalo's Trent Edwards (concussion); the Denver Broncos' Kyle Orton (ankle); SEE QBS ON PAGE 28



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is down and out after being sacked by Chiefs defensive end Andy Studebaker during overtime of last weekend's game.

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